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Region's top sire Not For Love pensioned at 25

Afleet Alex's wild Preakness ride • May sale preview • New import wins Carolina Cup

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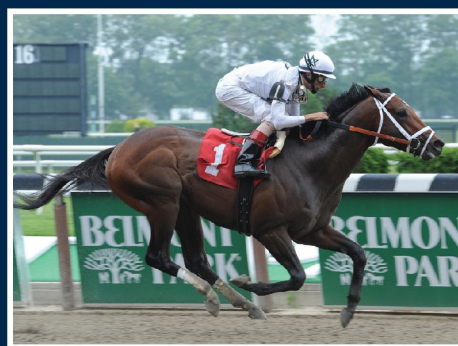
Cal Nation

Distorted Humor – She's a Winner, by A.P. Indy

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Midlantic 2YO Grad
MATERIALITY

2015 Florida Derby-G1

Breeder - John D. Gunther

Buyer - Steven W. Young, agt

Trainer - Todd A. Pletcher

Owner - Alto Racing, LLC



Midlantic 2YO Grad

DORTMUND

2015 Santa Anita Derby-G1

2015 San Felipe S-G2

2015 Robert B Lewis S-G3

2014 Los Alamitos Futurity-G1

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Ten Years After: Afleet Alex's amazing Preakness run

It's been a decade since Afleet Alex and Scrappy T met (literally) at the top of the Pimlico stretch in the 2005 Preakness. The moment mattered to anyone who witnessed it, and meant even more to those who lived it. By Joe Clancy, Tom Law, Dan Tordjman and Maggie Kimmitt. [Page 16](#)

Wild rides in the Preakness

Afleet Alex wasn't the only winner of the Triple Crown's second jewel to dodge disaster or overcome obstacles. By Cindy Deubler. [Page 24](#)

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Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens died in March, leaving behind volumes of achievements large and small including some memorable Mid-Atlantic moments. By Sean Clancy. [Page 32](#)



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Cover: Retired from stud duty in March, the region's leading sire Not For Love graces a paddock at Northview Stallion Station. Photo by Barbara D. Livingston.



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POST TIME



THE FEET WE MEET. Thoroughbred hooves flash and fly on the turn at Laurel.
Lydia A. Williams photo

Racing The Times gets its night at the movies



Emmy-winning producer and director. “I think it is everything we thought it would be. I learned a lot. It has turned out to be a really nice project.”

The project was done in association with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, the Maryland Jockey Club and the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association. Numerous industry leaders are part of the finished product, including breeders, owners, trainers and riders. Merryland Farm’s training track provided the backdrop for a 1930s day at the races and several retired racehorses get their brushes with greatness.

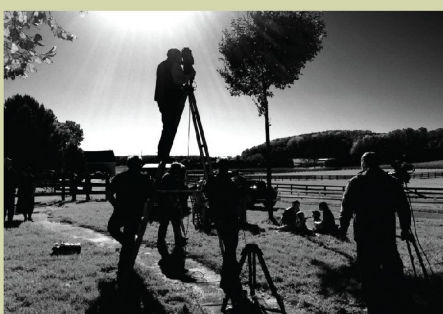
“The access to the horses, the farms, the people, the jockeys, all of it has been great,” said Perkins. “You couldn’t ask for anything more. What a treat. I’m approaching 70 broadcast shows and this one ranks right up there in terms of what I’ve learned.”

In addition to the premiere at the Senator, which opened in 1939 and was named one of the top 20 movie theaters in the world last year, *Racing The Times* will be broadcast on Maryland Public Television at 9 p.m. May 15.

Perkins hopes the program produces tangible results.

“In my mind, if I can make the everyday horse people take a pause and realize that they are part of a magnificent and long-lasting tradition then I’ve done my job,” he said. “And if I can take all the part-time Maryland horse people who maybe only pay attention the week of the Preakness, and make them grab a book, go online or tell the children about what this tradition is all about then I can say job well done.”

— Joe Clancy



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Organizers expect more than 500 guests, who will see a 90-minute film that travels back in time to the 1700s and the Annapolis Subscription Plate. Via reenactments, historic footage, interviews and a 20-month immersion in everything Maryland Thoroughbred, producer/director Drew Perkins crafted quite a story.

“I know we have the watermen, but in the state of Maryland I can’t think of a tradition that’s as powerful and has survived the ebbs and flows of history the way the horse industry is,” said Perkins, head of Rubicon Productions and an

Maryland’s storied Thoroughbred industry gets its moment in the spotlight—literally—as the documentary *Racing The Times* premieres at the Senator Theatre May 13 in Baltimore.

GO FIGURE

1.5 Million dollars invested by the Maryland Jockey Club at Pimlico Race Course to improve television and graphics, including a high-definition signal and new televisions, for the 2015 meet which opened in early April.

5 Terabytes (or 2,000 minutes) of video shot by Rubicon Productions for the 90-minute *Racing The Times* documentary about Maryland racing.

3 Siblings to race at the Carolina Cup steeplechase meet March 28. Betsy Mead’s Storyville, So Far Away and Forgotten Man finished third, fifth and fifth respectively. Mead’s Hark the Sound (GB), who won her debut over hurdles in 2003, produced the trio.

90,873 average earnings for runners by recently retired Maryland stallion Not For Love. Of his 757 starters, his richest earner is Eighttofasttocatch with \$1,072,970.

MILESTONES

Charged: Four veterinarians at Penn National with illegally administering drugs to horses within 24 hours of a race. The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania charged Dr. Kevin Brophy, Dr. Fernando Motta, Dr. Christopher Korte and Dr. Renee Nodine. The veterinarians could face up to two years in prison and a \$200,000 fine. The charges follow the indictment of three trainers and a clocker at Penn National in 2013.

Increased: Average handle at Laurel Park's winter meet. The total average handle increased 14.6 percent overall and 15.8 percent on its live product. The handle increased despite losing 10 live racing days. Total wagering was down only 5.4 percent, from \$79.8 million to \$75.5 million. In March, the Maryland Jockey Club announced \$7 million in improvements to Laurel, including new barns for 300 horses.

Returned: Trevor McCarthy, Maryland's leading jockey in 2014, from a broken wrist suffered in December. He accepted his first mounts of 2015 in March and quickly won 11 races from 59 rides. McCarthy, 20, won all three riding titles in Maryland last year and finished sixth in the nation with 263 victories.

Won:

Its first race, Fast Women LLC. Donna Freyer, based in Camden, S.C., created the 32-women syndicate and bought Minimambo for \$7,000 as a weanling. Trained by Maria Bowersock and ridden by Rosemary Homeister Jr., the daughter of Kitalpha won her career debut at Tampa Bay Downs March 21.



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Reached: An agreement between the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative of racetracks and the Stronach Group's Monarch Content Management Company. On

March 27, the two sides agreed to end their simulcast dispute, which had lasted since October. The Monarch track signals had not been sent to the Cooperative's tracks since December.

Announced: The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will participate in the Maryland Canter for the Cause May 3 and will be one of the main charities represented on Preakness Weekend at Pimlico. Sagamore Racing will sponsor the Pimlico Special to benefit the TAA. Along with Susan G. Komen, the TAA will be one of two charities featured on Black-Eyed Susan Day.

Appealed: By trainer Juan Vazquez, a decision by Penn National Gaming racetracks, Penn National in Pennsylvania and Charles Town in West Virginia, to bar him from both tracks. The Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission granted a stay pending a hearing. In February, the trainer and his assistant Hector Garcia were barred from the grounds by Maryland Jockey Club tracks Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course because of four positive drug tests. Vazquez served a suspension from Delaware Park for a fight with jockey Trevor McCarthy at Delaware Park last summer.

Added: To the Virginia Landmarks Register, Secretariat's birthplace, by the state Department of Historic Resources. Known as the Meadow Historic District, the designation includes the foaling shed where Secretariat was born on March 30, 1970; his training barn, where he wore his first saddle and bridle; the yearling barn where he stayed as a colt; and a yearling barn annex, stallion barn, horse cemetery, well house and pump house. Most of the structures were built in the 1930s by Christopher Chenery, the founder of Meadow Stable. They are located in Caroline County, in what is now the Meadow Event Park, owned by the Virginia Farm Bureau and home of the Virginia State Fair. Organizers planned to submit the property for consideration on the National Register of Historic Places.

SAY IT AGAIN

"Horses and kids never had it so good."
Allen Jerkens Jr., speaking at the service for his father, Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens

"It's the only thing I could do."
Shirley Jerkens, wife of Allen Jerkens' son Jimmy, after singing "Amazing Grace" at the service

"It's the equine American dream."
Breeder Tim Moriarty, whose family's Apache Farm (with divisions in South Carolina and New York) bred two finalists for 2014 New York-bred awards

"She's family and to boot she's pretty."
Owner/trainer Kate Dalton, on the future of steeplechaser Cat Feathers as a broodmare

"There's a hill at Sagamore that's too steep to walk, wire fence and a hedge at the bottom. We'd boogie down there and not worry about how to stop. You didn't want to go any faster."
Trainer Bruce Fenwick, on sledding at Sagamore Farm way back when

"Everybody has to start somewhere and you're only as good as the horses you get to train."
Trainer Marya Montoya, who took two-time Parx winner Unrivaled to Keeneland for the Blue Grass (her first Grade 1 start)

"Rumsey puts three horses on the trailer and goes to the arena. One at a time, she takes them off the trailer and rides them, 40 minutes a horse. He's third."
Trainer Tim Keefe, on the new life for Maryland-bred millionaire Eighttofasttocatch (an eventer-in-training with Keefe's wife)

"She told me I reminded her horses they were Thoroughbreds and they want to race every time they leave the barn now."
Film maker Drew Perkins, who used Liz McKnight's foxhunters to reenact some racing scenes in the Racing The Times documentary about Maryland's Thoroughbred industry

"Joe Kelly would have been the first guy with whom I would have visited."
Perkins, on not having the dean of Maryland racing historians (Kelly died in 2012) to lean on for the project

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Irina Baranova. Named after the Russian ballerina (although most references spell her last name Baronova), the 3-year-old filly is out of Petrouchka. Baranova played the doll in Stravinsky's ballet burlesque.

Sharon Gunther. The 3-year-old filly carries the name of the former jockey who won 274 races, predominantly in the Mid-Atlantic area.

Ziwiye. Steeplechase Farm's 3-year-old filly is named after the treasure trove of jewels discovered off the Iran coast in 1947. Isn't that what everybody wants in a horse?

All Alone. Bruce Wells' homebred is by Oratory.

Devilknowsmyname. Steve and Debbie Jackson's homebred is by Songandaprayer.

The Racing Biz

The Independent Voice for Mid-Atlantic Racing and Breeding

The Racing Biz, a website covering Mid-Atlantic racing, launched in April 2013 and hits some of the bases *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* can't—more timely news, quicker racing coverage and other bits and pieces. The independent site, headed by Frank Vespe, can be accessed at theracingbiz.com or via a feed from midatlantictb.com. A few recent highlights:

With bill passed, Virginia racing now needs a blueprint: New bill may “unstuck” Virginia racing, but questions still abound, writes Nick Hahn.

Stellar Wind “a redhead with attitude”: Linda Dougherty talks with former connections of multiple graded stakes-winning 3-year-old filly.

Joe Bravo, grinding toward milestone win: “Jersey Joe” approaching 5,000 wins, reports Jim Hague.

For industry participants, many ways to use social media: Horse racing is not known for embracing new technology, but engaging online is growing, reports Teresa Genaro.

Top Midatlantic-bred Poll of 2015: Ranking the top regional bred older runners and 3-year-olds, the poll is updated bi-weekly.

Celebrating Secretariat's birthday at The (historic) Meadow: Genaro covered preparations for the celebration of the 45th anniversary of Secretariat's birth at the newly dedicated Virginia Landmark.

Today's stars at a track near you

By Frank Vespe

The news that Shared Belief would make his next start in the Grade 2, \$1.5 million Charles Town Classic caused disbelief in some quarters. Why ship across the country to run on a bullring track?

The question more or less answers itself. Why ship halfway around the world to run in the desert in Dubai? Why, for that matter, ship anywhere?

Because the money's good, the timing is right, the conditions suit.

More to the point, Shared Belief's predicted presence in West Virginia underlines a little remarked upon trend that's making now a pretty exciting time to be a mid-Atlantic racing fan.

It's no great surprise to see top horses in the Preakness, Haskell or Delaware Handicap. Those are rich Grade 1 races with flashy pedigrees.

But just a few years ago, the idea that, within the space of several months, two Breeders' Cup winners-to-be would run at Parx, another would run at Penn National, and the horse that might be better than all of them would compete at Charles Town . . . well, even suggesting that probably would have gotten you a conversation with a pipe-smoking gent in a white coat.

And, yet, that's exactly what's happened.

Bobby's Kitten, winner of the Penn Mile at Penn National; Untapable (Grade 1 Cotillion at Parx Racing); and Bayern (Grade 2 Pennsylvania Derby) all parlayed mid-year mid-Atlantic triumphs into Breeders' Cup glory a few months later.

And now comes Shared Belief, the favorite in that same Breeders' Cup Classic won by Bayern whose chances were severely compromised in the race's very first jumps. And he follows a line of top runners to make the trek to West Virginia, Game On Dude, who ran first or second in three Charles Town Classics, most prominent among them.

Of course, the big names don't always win the big races. Game On Dude lost to 26-1 Imperative in the 2014 Charles Town Classic, for example. On the other hand, while that sent many home disappointed, it also sent some home with much heavier wallets; the Pick 4 paid more than \$2,500.

Still, win or lose, the presence of these top horses is enough to draw the fans, and the bettors. Hotel rooms near Charles Town were reportedly sold out weeks in advance for Shared Belief's visit. And the first five runnings of the Classic were all among the track's best-ever days of handle.

The lesson is a simple one: if you pay, they will come. And if they do, so will the fans, and the wagering dollars.

Of course, the situation can be complicated by innumerable factors. But for now, at least, the good news for race fans is pretty clear. Good horses can come from—and show up at—any racetrack. Even, in the right circumstances, a humble track near you.

Regional-breds get sold at OBS March 2-year-old sale

Seven Maryland-breds, three Virginia-breds and one New Jersey-bred were among the juveniles offered at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training in Ocala, Fla. March 17-18—and all sold.

The biggest price realized for a regional-bred was \$440,000 for a Super Saver colt bred by WinStar Farm.

Foaled in Maryland at Country Life Farm when his dam was bred back to Cal Nation, the chestnut is out of the Storm Cat mare Great Design, a half-sister to multiple Grade 1-winning multimillionaire General Challenge and Grade 1-winning filly Notable Career. The \$175,000 Keeneland September sales yearling worked an

eighth-mile in :09.80, tied for the second fastest time at the under-tack show. He was consigned by Hartley/De Renzo; M.V. Magnier and Ben McElroy were the buyers.

Four of eight juveniles foaled in Pennsylvania also sold, for a total of 15 from the region.

Mid-Atlantic-breds bringing \$100,000 or more, with breeder, consignor and buyer:

\$440,000. ch.c., Super Saver—Great Design, by Storm Cat. WinStar Farm LLC (Md.); Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent; M.V. Magnier/Ben McElroy.

\$330,000. dk.b./br.c., Summer Bird—Hawaiian Love, by Not For Love. Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III (Va.); Eddie Woods, Agent XXI; Ron Winchell.

\$325,000. Tizzarunner, dk.b./br.c., Tizway—Piano Bar, by Carson City. Robert T. Manfuso (Md.); de Meric Sales, Agent II; Mark Casse, Agent.

\$275,000. Carbon Data, b.c., Birdstone—Penny Marie, by Sky Classic. Lazy Lane Farms LLC (Va.); Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent; Steven W. Young, Agent.

\$205,000. dk.b./br.c., Scat Daddy—Ten Kisses, by Kris S. Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC (Md.); A.R. Equine, Agent II; Dennis O'Neill.

\$190,000. Blue Navy Blue, dk.b./br.c., Flatter—Grecourt Gates, by Dixie Union. William L.S. Landes (Md.); Northwest Stud, Agent; Bucky Stable.

\$190,000. dk.b./br.f., Bellamy Road—Calamity Girl, by Stravinsky. DDS Stables LLC (Pa.); Mayberry Farm, Agent; John McCormack Bloodstock LLC.

\$100,000. Ponte Vedra Sky, ch.c., Sky Mesa—Shouldn't We All, by Woodman. Smart Angle LLP (Pa.); Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent II; David and Sandra Sardello LLC and Pewter Stable.

Prospect Bay: Virginia's Dubai World Cup connection

The 23-year-old bay stallion Prospect Bay, living the good life in retirement at Larry Johnson's Legacy Farm in Bluemont, Va., after standing at stud in the region for more than a dozen years, had his name in the headlines March 28. A world away, the Irish-born Prince Bishop, out of Prospect Bay's daughter North East Bay, propelled himself down the long Meydan stretch to win the \$10-million Dubai World Cup-G1. Prospect Bay instantly shot to the top of the leading broodmares sires list by earnings for 2015, where he remained well into April.

The graded stakes-winning sprinter, a son of Crafty Prospector out of the Danzig mare Baltic Sea, was an intriguing possibility when Johnson bought him to stand at stud in Virginia in 2002. Prospect Bay's half-brother, Caller One, had won the 2001 Dubai Golden Shaheen-G3, and just after the start of the 2002 breeding season, he won the race again, when elevated to Group 1. Caller One was twice named the United Arab Emirates highweight sprinter.

But Johnson said it was tough to stand a stallion in Virginia, and "I didn't support him too much myself." Prospect Bay sired 12 crops while standing in Virginia and later West Virginia, resulting in 87 foals. Of the 10 crops of foals of racing age, there is just one stakes winner, the 2011 filly Practical Ideas, who was first or second in all five of her starts, including a win in Eleanor Casey Memorial at 2 and a



Larry Johnson

second in her most recent start, the Its Binn Too Long Stakes, last May.

The only Prospect Bay foal Johnson recalls having bred, raised, raced and retired was Hurricane Isabella, a filly from the first Virginia crop. Descending from Johnson's mare Ran's Chick, and a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Strike the Moon, Hurricane Isabella was named for Johnson's granddaughter. The filly won once in four starts, became a broodmare, and was sold at Timonium in December 2013, even with the "family" connection. Johnson said the last foal he bred out of her is "a Rockport Harbor 3-year-old filly pretty close to starting who I like quite a bit."

The mare produced a colt by Freedom Child this February for LGB Thoroughbreds.

Prospect Bay has 55 daughters in production, and of their 199 foals, 124 are starters, 75 winners, and nine are stakes winners, among them Puerto Rican Grade 1 winner Corozaleno and Italian One Thousand Guineas-G3 winner Love of Dubai. Many of his stakes-producing daughters either never started or didn't win.

"You just never know where a good horse is going to come from," said Johnson. "I believed he had a good chance to make it. He got a couple of decent horses, but really wasn't much of a success. But maybe he'll make it as a broodmare sire. Who knows?"

Scrappy T



It was the gasp heard round the world. And 10 years later, the team behind 2005 Preakness Stakes runner-up Scrappy T still runs the gamut of emotions whenever the subject is broached.

Mention the horse's name to the average racing fan and they'll relay the play-by-play in their mind's eye of those few seconds when Scrappy T veered sharply into the path of eventual winner Afleet Alex. Smart money says the same fans won't have too many kind words for Scrappy T.

But the 13-year-old gelding was—and is—so much more than a freakish near-miss at the head of the Pimlico homestretch. And the folks who know him best will tell you all about the horse who took them on the ride of their lives.

Virginian Marshall Dowell and his trainer, Robbie Bailes, were shopping for 2-year-olds at the OBS sale in Florida in April 2004 when a rangy, nearly black colt from the consignment of Paul Sharp got their attention.

"There were about five horses we liked at that sale," Bailes said. "He had a really great walk, and the mare had produced consistent winners."

Dowell paid \$35,000 for the Kentucky-bred son of Fit to Fight—Perpetual Light, by Sunny's Halo. He shipped from Ocala to Bailes' then base at Bowie Training Center in Maryland where groom Benny Ayala and exercise rider Emily Daignault-Salvaggio rounded out the crew. Daignault-Salvaggio was sold almost right away.

"He was huge and he was amazing," she said. "I was telling everyone in September and October that this horse was going to be busy the next May. I said to everybody, 'I'm telling you, this horse is real.' They all thought I was crazy. But when he got down to business, he was incredibly impressive. And when he wanted to play, incredibly terrifying. I always made sure my health insurance was paid up. But he was awesome."

Bailes sent Scrappy T out five times at 2; on Halloween, he broke his maiden at Delaware Park in his third start and finished second in two Aqueduct allowance races to close the year. Bailes was confident enough to consider stakes to start the sophomore campaign.

Scrappy T rewarded that faith with a win in Aqueduct's Count Fleet Stakes in the first outing. Next came a third in the Whirlaway before diving into Grade 1 company in the Wood Memorial. Scrappy T wound up third in Bellamy Road's romp. Three weeks later, however, Scrappy T had things his way, winning the Grade 3 Withers.

"After the Withers, the one question everyone was asking was if we would wheel him back in the Kentucky Derby. We thought it was too quick and really didn't want to face Bellamy Road again," Bailes said. "We thought giving him a little extra time for the Preakness was a good idea, and we got Ramon [Dominguez]—that was important. We were hoping that we would catch everyone else coming into the Preakness a little tired

and we would be on our way up. Everything worked except for the turn for home.”

The adjective most used by the connections is surreal. They were local favorites. Bailes is the son of the late Maryland trainer W. Meredith “Mert” Bailes. Dowell had owned and raced horses in the Mid-Atlantic for years. The up-and-coming Dominguez was one of the most successful and sought after riders on the East Coast. Daignault-Salvaggio, a native of Towson, Md., was an Oldfields School graduate. Their horse was a graded stakes winner who had never been worse than third in nine starts. Hopes were high.

But in fractions of a second, life changed with a swat and a swerve.

A different Delaware-based horse, Afleet Alex, became the hero; Scrappy T—to many—the villain. Bailes and Dowell went back to the Pimlico stakes barn befuddled but grateful that neither horse went down. Getting their breath and their wits, they waited for Scrappy T, Ayala and Daignault-Salvaggio to return from the test barn.

“Win, lose or draw, we had finished second in the Preakness,” Daignault-Salvaggio said. “The best part of my whole experience was in that test barn. There we were, two Delaware Park barns—every one of us who saw each other day in and day out with two of the greatest horses of our barns’ careers. Nobody was more happy for each other. There was just celebration—our grooms, their grooms. We were hugging, I was petting Alex, they were petting Scrappy. It wasn’t like two separate entities that never intertwined. It was the greatest memory of my life. Ten years removed from the whole thing, I have the same opinion. Scrappy was one helluva horse.”

Scrappy T made three more starts in 2005, finishing second in the Indiana Derby-G2 and Discovery Handicap-G3. After a hiatus of more than two years, he returned as a 6-year-old in 2008. Four mediocre efforts were enough to convince Bailes and Dowell that it was time to close the book.

“The thing is, he was probably the soundest horse I’ve ever trained,” said Bailes. “I’ve had a lot of sound horses that couldn’t run, but I don’t think I’ve ever had a sound horse that could run as fast as he could.”

Dowell’s priority became providing a possible retirement. He sent the horse to the Powhatan, Va., farm of friend Willie Mason, whose daughter Danielle rode him in a few shows. When Dowell later purchased a farm in Ocala, Fla., his first order of business was shipping his horse south.

Dowell buys weanlings and pinhooks them, and his stable star has proven to be an irreplaceable assistant.

“He’s been here for a little over five years now,” the owner said. “He’s a teacher. We turn him out with the babies and he does a remarkable job. He watches them come, watches them go and makes friends with them in the meantime.”

And when the occasional guest fancies a hack around the farm, Scrappy T is happy to oblige.

“He was a bit hard to handle in his earlier years, but as we all get a little longer in the tooth, we settle down,” Dowell said. “He truly, truly is an absolute gentleman, a delightful animal. You know, everybody always wants to say ‘Look what he did for me, now I’ve got to do this for him.’ Well, in Scrappy’s case, you want to keep him and you want to be around him. . . because it’s about what he does for you now.”



Tod Marks

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For the Love of the game

What are you going to do when he dies? The question came up and I don't know, but upon his retirement we had to do something. And that's why Not For Love, the best stallion to stand in the region since Northern Dancer (hey, it's my column) is on the cover.

Hopefully, the next life milestone won't come for some time and we can do whatever makes sense at the time—though some intrepid photographer should really try to update Barbara Livingston's cover shot from a few years ago.

Not For Love was that good of a stallion and it was that much news when Northview Stallion Station announced his retirement in March.

The 25-year-old covered three mares this year, and none got in foal—meaning

his 2015 crop is his last. Regardless, he will spend the rest of his days as a pensioner at Northview near Chesapeake City.

Not For Love has sired 79 stakes winners and the earners of more than \$68.7 million.

He was the leading North American sire outside of Kentucky for eight consecutive years and leads all Maryland sires in progeny earnings and juvenile earnings. His sons and daughters have won 32 Maryland Million races.

All of those numbers will likely go up as his various crops continue to race.

Last year, Not For Love's 8-year-old son Eighttofasttocatch won his third Maryland Million Classic and passed \$1 million in earnings and 2-year-old son Golden Years won the Maryland Million Juvenile.

And, just in case that wasn't enough, Not For Love even went national in 2014. His grandson California Chrome (out of Not For Love's daughter Love the Chase) won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, received the Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old and was voted Horse of the Year.

For years, conversations about the region's sire power started with Not For Love. They also often ended with the son of Mr. Prospector too, unfortunately, as his peers either moved out of the region, died or failed to sustain their success.

"Maryland really needs another national-level sire, a sire like Not For Love," would go the comments. "That's the only way the industry will fully get back to where it was. We need a stallion that will keep good mares in the region, encourage people to buy better mares and even attract some mares from Kentucky. We need another Not For Love."

When you find him, let me know.

As for Not For Love, he never seemed all that bothered by industry issues. He has occupied that stud barn at Northview for 20 years, peering through the bars in the corner stall as humans and horses

came and went, waiting his turn to go to the paddock or the breeding shed.

From this corner, bravo. Take a bow, old man. Eat all the hay and clover and carrots you want. Get fat. Sleep in. Feel the sun on your back and the dust in your tail.

I had the pleasure of spending some time with him at Northview last year after California Chrome won the Derby, and visited at several stallion shows over the years.

I have Not For Love photos on my phone, right there with the dog and the kids. Some other photos float around of one visit—me with my notebook, Not For Love dragging Francisco Torres around the yard. It's a Thoroughbred highlight for me.

Not For Love was all class, every time, and made me think of earlier visits to that same stallion barn. It was, oh 1989 or so, and I was the sports editor of the *Cecil Whig* newspaper. I covered high school volleyball, semi-pro baseball, the occasional Orioles game. I once wrote a feature story about pick-up trucks in Cecil County (no, not all of them).

But I found a way to get to Northview, which used to be the Maryland division of the world-famous Windfields Farm. Northern Dancer was there, retired but looking 10 years younger than his 28.

I've got a black-and-white photo we used in the paper (after mailing a copy to Canada for approval). He's jogging in a paddock, his neck is arched and he exhibits the ability that took him to wins in the 1964 Kentucky Derby and Preakness, and the Hall of Fame. He became one of the modern breed's foundation stallions—the broodmare sire of Not For Love—and commanded the world's greatest mares. That visit provided another Thoroughbred highlight for me.

Northern Dancer's buddy T. V. Commercial (24) was there too, a walking chestnut history lesson. Smarten, Caveat, Two Punch, Waquoit and Private Terms filled up the stallion barn.

Not For Love was a worthy heir. ✨

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One Wild Ride

*Ten years later, Afleet Alex's
Preakness still stands out*

By Joe Clancy

You can ask the owner, the trainer, the jockey, a photographer, the stewards, random witnesses, pretty much anyone what they thought of the 2005 Preakness Stakes—of the precise moment Scrappy T veered right and nearly leveled Afleet Alex at the top of the Pimlico stretch—and they'll answer your questions.

But you won't really know what it was like.

The scene was scary, great, triumphant, painful, dangerous, inspiring. Various versions of the race have been seen 150,000 times or so on YouTube, which didn't officially launch until seven months after the race. And now the moment is 10 years old. Afleet Alex, whose son Materiality was a contender on this year's Triple Crown trail, is a stallion at Gainesway Farm in Kentucky. Scrappy T is retired in Florida, a babysitter for young horses and an occasional hack mount. Cash is King Stable founder Chuck Zacney is still buying, breeding and racing Thoroughbreds. Tim Ritchey is still training them. Jeremy Rose is still riding them.

But none has been on a ride like that. Ever.

"It was hard to believe," said Ritchey in April after training at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas. "You're watching on the big screen because of the crowd and everything. I was watching my horse and my horse was rolling, I mean rolling and that horse obviously ducked out in front of him. You heard the crowd gasp and I'm thinking Jeremy's coming off, the horse is going to go down and there's going to be a major accident."

"I never realized how bad it was until I saw the replay," said Zacney, who brought together five friends to buy Afleet Alex a year earlier. "I knew there was bumping. I heard the roar from the crowd. I just

remember cheering for him and hugging Tim afterward."

"The only thing that went through my head was 'Stay close to Alex' because at least he would protect me from the other horses when we went down, because I thought for sure we were going down," said Rose during a break from a riding day at Aqueduct. "There was nothing left for me to see, other than dirt."

Then Rose saw something else. Everyone did.

The Owner

Chuck Zacney was driving home from Saratoga with his family in 2004. Afleet Alex, purchased for \$75,000 at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May sale of 2-year-olds, had just won the Grade 1 Hopeful to remain unbeaten in four starts. The first-time racehorse owner from Philadelphia, along with friends Joe Lerro, Joe Judge, Jennifer Reeves and Bob Brittingham, was basking in the success.

And weighing opportunities that changed by the day.

"We were getting calls about selling him, and the prices just kept going up—250 thousand, a million, two million," said Zacney, who mentioned a \$3 million offer after the Hopeful. "You couldn't really get your head around it. We were just so into it. We loved the horse and we were having way too much fun to end it at that time."

So they kept going. Cash is King kept their horse with Ritchey at his Delaware Park base and pressed ahead. In October, Afleet Alex lost for the first time when he settled for second behind Proud Accolade in the Grade 1 Champagne at Belmont Park. Second again in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 to close 2004, he lost the Eclipse Award to unbeaten California runner Declan's Moon.

Ritchey went to Oaklawn Park for the winter, and Afleet Alex opened his 3-year-old campaign with a win in the Mountain Valley Stakes. The 6-furlong race was a prep, and Equibase even gave Afleet Alex a 1:22.60 gallop-out time for 7 furlongs after finishing 6 in 1:09.52. The Florida-bred finished a dull sixth in the Grade 3 Rebel two weeks later, but the defeat was blamed on a lung infection. He rebounded to win the Arkansas Derby-G2 by 8 lengths.

Cash is King had Derby dreams, two years after Funny Cide and the Sackatoga Stable had provided the everyman angle to the country's most famous race. Afleet Alex wound up third, beaten a length



Captured by Joseph DiOrio of HorsePhotos, the moment freezes in time every time anyone thinks about the 2005 Preakness and Afleet Alex.

in the wake of fast early fractions and the swooping Giacomo, who rallied from 18th to win at 50-1. Zacney and company enjoyed the ride, taking an entourage to Churchill Downs, and savoring the chance. Two weeks later at Pimlico in Baltimore, an easy drive from Philadelphia, Cash is King threw a party.

"We wanted to make amends for the Derby and we had all the confidence in the world," said Zacney. "It's only a two-hour ride from our house and we were very familiar with the track. We probably had 250 people with us plus the other followers of the horse [whose first two races were at Delaware Park]. The experience

was terrific. The people couldn't have been nicer. We went down Tuesday night and just had so much fun. We wanted to live that moment."

Before the race, Zacney and Lerro went to the infield and mingled. They weren't all that far removed from the casual crowd enjoying the spectacle.



Mid-Atlantic through and through, the Afleet Alex tale was popular at Pimlico. Above: The horse and assistant trainer Roque Romero join some of his connections at the stakes barn (from left, seated): Chuck Zacney with son Alex, Jeremy Rose, Tim Ritchey, Liz Scott, Jen Reeves; (standing): Carol Zacney, Joe Judge, Barbara Judge, Joe Lerro, Terese Brittingham, Bob Brittingham. Right: Ritchey on Te Beau and exercise rider Sismon Diego on Afleet Alex on the track.



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"That's what we used to do, buy a ticket, get a cooler and watch races all day," Zacney said. "It was a strange feeling to have a horse in the race."

Sent off the 3-1 favorite in the field of 14, Afleet Alex made up for the Derby and then some—rallying like a Tyco slot car on the turn, tipping out to go around High Limit and challenge Scrappy T while looking like an easy winner with less than a quarter-mile to go.

Then came the moment, what many still call the most wild Preakness in history, a feat of balance, talent, athleticism and luck.

Knowing what happened does little to erase the improbability of it all. The replay, at regular speed and in slow-motion, seems live.

After stalking the early leaders, Ramon Dominguez says go on the Delaware-based Scrappy T, who accelerates to take command on the turn. Behind him, Afleet Alex clicks past horses as if they were mileposts on a highway. With Afleet Alex closing fast, Dominguez hits Scrappy T left-handed. The 13-1 shot surges to his right, into the path of the onrushing Afleet Alex. The contact is immediate, but the reaction takes a stride or two. Dominguez looks right while getting tossed left, then looks left as Scrappy T keeps going toward the outside rail. Afleet Alex doesn't stumble until he's inside Scrappy T, and even then it isn't complete. He never drops to his knees. His nose doesn't touch the dirt. But it was close. Somehow, he keeps his legs churning—if a little out of synch. There's a stride where his right hind leg is clearly where it shouldn't be and another where his front legs jam in the dirt for balance. Rose shoots forward on the horse's neck. Afleet Alex

gathers his hind legs into position and gets back to running—first on his left lead for a few strides, then to his right. Quickly, he's going as fast as he was before the collision and he breezes down the stretch to win by $4\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

"Jeremy showed so much courage and Alex showed so much athleticism," said Zacney. "Together they did it. We thought we had the best horse in the Kentucky Derby, but we got beat fair and square. We were the favorites for the Preakness and if he won it might have been a nice story. To do what he did, you couldn't have written a script like that."

The Trainer

By the time Afleet Alex came around, Tim Ritchey was well established on the Mid-Atlantic circuit, with a career file beginning in 1974 and rolling through various levels of success including at least 55 wins a year from 1987 through 2003. Ritchey's stable, paced by Afleet Alex, reached new heights in 2004 and 2005, with back-to-back 86-win seasons and earnings of \$2.9 million the first year and \$4.6 million the next. His horses routinely made 400 starts and he was among the region's leaders, with training titles at Delaware Park, a Pennsylvania Derby-G3 win with Smart Guy, back-to-back Maryland Million Classic scores with Docent to show for it.

One horse made the former show rider a household name, and an example of how things can change.

"It was the dream of a lifetime," he said. "I remember growing up watching the Triple Crown races—Tim Tam, Candy Spots, Arts and Letters, Secretariat, all the good horses. To be part of it and have a horse win two-thirds of it . . . and to this

day I think he could have won the Derby if he'd had a little better trip and not been so close to the pace, it's a goal for a trainer. I never thought I'd compete in those races. I feel fortunate to get the opportunity and to have made the most of it."

Much like the big names who will prospect for greatness at Timonium this month, Ritchey studied 2-year-olds at the 2004 sale and picked Afleet Alex based on an "OK" work. The bay colt went a quarter-mile in 22 seconds and change, but more importantly impressed his future trainer with a fluid stride and a strong gallop out. Back at the barn, Afleet Alex closed the deal.

"The other horses were jumping around and misbehaving," said Ritchey. "And he just stood there and looked at me like he was saying, 'Hey, what are you doing?'"

Ritchey priced the horse at \$150,000 and Zacney's group would have gone that high. Bred in Florida by John Silvertand and consigned by Robert Scanlon, Afleet Alex had some filling in a hind leg that turned off buyers at a sale where the highest price reached \$450,000. Ritchey had a veterinarian ultrasound the leg, called it superficial, and went to the sales pavilion. Five or six rows back, in the center, Ritchey and Zacney trumped one other bidder.

Six weeks later, the bay colt won his debut by $11\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

Afleet Alex had ability, but a little something else too. His dam didn't produce milk right away and, while waiting for a nurse mare, the foal drank from a sterilized beer bottle held by Silvertand's 9-year-old daughter. The early association helped the future classic winner trust people.

"That was very evident in everything you did with him," said Ritchey. "He was

a gentle horse, a nice horse. Mr. Zacney's kids would come by the barn to see him and he'd nibble on their hair and be friendly like a pony. How many stud colts would do that?"

Ritchey figures all that peace helped Afleet Alex become the racehorse he was, though there was more than enough talent in the package too.

"He was an extremely athletic horse," said Ritchey. "He loved to train, he ate, he did everything right. If he was a person he'd be at the top of whatever sport or profession he was in. He had a great rhythm to his stride. He wouldn't speed it up, he would just increase his stride length.

"If you wanted to gallop 2 miles, he would. If you wanted him to jog 2 miles and then gallop 2 miles, he would. If you wanted him to work fast, he would. I never saw him do anything wrong. He never stumbled, he never tripped, he never slipped."

Until the Preakness, and even then he put his feet in all the right places.

For drama, you couldn't beat the Preakness, but Afleet Alex outdid even himself in the Belmont Stakes-G1. He rated toward the back early, and surged from eighth to first in about a quarter-mile to win by 7 geared-down lengths. Ritchey had big plans.

"He was getting better going into the Belmont," he said. "That was the easiest race for him."

The trainer mapped a summer campaign, until a hairline fracture of the horse's left front cannon bone was discovered in July. Surgery to repair the injury was successful and Afleet Alex returned to post two weeks at Belmont Park that fall before veterinarians diagnosed another injury in the same leg—this time a brittle section of bone near the earlier fracture. It wasn't life-threatening, but it did end his racing career. The 3-year-old, who won two-thirds of the Triple Crown (missing by a length in the Kentucky Derby), was retired.

"We would have loved to have made the Breeders' Cup," said Ritchey, still talking like a trainer with a top horse. "I think he was the best horse in the nation, and I would have liked to have run him on the grass as a 4-year-old. He would relax until you asked him and in distance turf races, that would have been something to see."

The Jockey

Rose was born and raised in Bellefonte, Pa., where he'd go on to success as a wrestler in high school. Most of his family still lives in the town near State College. They



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Jockey Jeremy Rose feeds Afleet Alex some mints the day after the 2005 Preakness.

had a farm there and Rose owns a home in nearby Spring Mills. But when Rose thinks of his racing home, Maryland comes to mind.

After breaking onto the scene in late 2000 with a few mounts and his first win at Delaware Park, Rose made his presence felt in Maryland in 2001. At Laurel, he won 40 races in the last month and a half

of the winter meet, en route to winning 312 races on the year and breaking the record for earnings by an apprentice with \$6,662,651. The exclamation point was a victory aboard Sumerset at 30-1 in the 2001 Maryland Million Classic for Ritchey and E & G Stables.

"I've always said I'm a Maryland rider. Regardless of where I go, Maryland is the

one that gave me the shot to be in that position,” Rose said. “I had a lot of success with a lot of people down there.”

As a guy who didn’t even watch racing on television before he started riding—Rose got his education on the game in Maryland. In a lot of ways, the Preakness, as the state’s richest and most prestigious race, became in Rose’s mind a much bigger deal than the Derby. And after what happened in Louisville, he was determined to make things right when he came back home to ride Afleet Alex at Pimlico.

They broke from post 12 and, as they had in the Derby, settled well off the pace. The pace was fast as High Limit clicked off splits of :23.17, :46.07 and 1:10.72.

“It was actually a pretty perfect race until we hit the quarter pole,” Rose said. “We broke from the outside, got down to the rail and saved ground. At the three-eighths pole, two horses were in front of me and one actually pulled out. I didn’t know why, because in front of me it looked like it was clear sailing. He pulled out and when he pulled out, it was beautiful. It just opened up like the Red Sea.”

The promised land appeared to be there, and indeed what unfolded in the next few moments would be historical, if not precisely biblical. All Rose and Afleet Alex had to do was go around Scrappy T and, Rose’s old riding rival from Delaware Park, Ramon Dominguez. Once past them, Afleet Alex was certain to draw off and win by as many lengths as he wanted. No one was making up ground from the back.

Rose cruised up to within a few yards of Scrappy T and prepared to go by. But just then, the jockey saw something. Dominguez raised his left arm, preparing to come down with his whip.

“No,” Rose screamed.

He’s still not sure why, but he said it out loud. Not that it helped.

“That’s exactly what I yelled,” he said. “Because when he went left-handed, I don’t know why I said it but I said ‘No,’ because I was on my way and I was running hard, I was running fast.”

Too fast to slow down, Afleet Alex clipped heels with Scrappy T and Rose’s visions of winning Maryland’s biggest race and redeeming himself turned to thoughts of disaster. It wasn’t about winning the race anymore; it was about surviving the fall.

Rose saw four quick flashes: Afleet Alex’s head, his ears, the dirt and his ears again. Rose wasn’t on the ground and he wasn’t in pain. Afleet Alex had nearly gone to his knees and his nose had almost



Mid-Atlantic trainer Robbie Bailes was confident in a big effort from Scrappy T in the Preakness.

touched the Pimlico dirt, yet he hadn’t gone down. Rose was still aboard, and trying to make sense of the situation.

“As soon as he came back up, he was already on stride. So, by that point, now I think he’s a little pissed off,” Rose said. “I’m thinking I’m going to lose the Preakness, now, all of a sudden. Because even if I beat Ramon, somebody is going to come from behind and beat me and I can’t take them down [via disqualification], so I’m going to get screwed. Then I look back at the eighth pole and I’m still 5 in front, drawing away.”

The final margin was $4\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. Scrappy T held second with Derby winner Giacomo third, another 5 lengths behind. Afleet Alex hadn’t just recovered from the brink of disaster. He hadn’t just won the middle jewel of the Triple Crown. He had dominated. Afleet Alex’s final time of 1:55.04 for $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles was the fastest since Real Quiet in 1998.

The look of shock on Rose’s face slowly morphed into a smile as he crossed the wire. He raised his right arm in celebration, while arranging the thoughts racing through his mind. The gravity of the situation had begun to sink in as Afleet Alex galloped out and slowed down to the pony for Rose’s post-race interview. The jockey gained even more perspective later.

“Being on top is one thing but when you see the replay, you see some of the pictures of where he had to put his legs, how his nose was maybe two inches off the ground, and to still pop up and draw away the way he did,” Rose said. “Obviously, by the time I hit the sixteenth pole, I knew he was a winner and I knew something special just happened. Everybody was going crazy,

everybody was giving him the standing ovation, which was awesome.”

Rose wanted it for Afleet Alex, he really did. That ovation felt great for the horse. But Rose got to share in that glory, and it’s part of his story. Rose had come home and made good.

— Dan Tordjman

The Opponent

Based at Delaware (like Ritchey) and Laurel Park, trainer Robbie Bailes felt good about his chances on that third Saturday of May 2005. He and owner Marshall Dowell had agreed to skip the Kentucky Derby with Scrappy T, who’d finished third behind Bellamy Road in the Wood Memorial-G1, and aim for the Preakness.

A week before the Derby, Scrappy T won the Withers Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct. He went to Pimlico with a chance.

“Robbie was calm—but not,” said exercise rider Emily Daignault-Salvaggio of the customarily laid-back Bailes. “It was the longest day of racing in our lives.”

Scrappy T always required two handlers on his head before—and frequently after—a race. While saddling on the turf course, the 17-hand gelding catapulted his tack twice before Dominguez was finally legged up for the post parade. Bailes watched the race with Dowell, exalting when Scrappy T rounded the turn, still strong with daylight in front of him. But both men were soon stunned into silence.

“I don’t know if you want to call it a dream, a nightmare or what it was. It was unbelievable. I really couldn’t tell what all went on, I was just hoping we were going to finish the race in one piece,” Bailes said. “After getting him back to the barn and finding out he was OK, it wasn’t until after awhile when he was cooling out that I had time to sit down with my thoughts and wonder—what the heck almost just happened?”

Ten years removed, Bailes prefers to focus on the fact that all involved lived to fight another day. People still tell Bailes that if Afleet Alex hadn’t nearly fallen he would have won by even more. Like any good trainer who believes in his horse, Bailes wonders what would have happened if Scrappy T had kept running straight.

“I can remember asking Ramon after he dismounted, ‘Did you still have horse left?’” He said ‘Robbie, I had plenty of horse.’ But he said he wanted to make sure that Scrappy was OK. We really did go into it with high hopes. I told a few people this after the race, ‘I wish things would have been different . . .’”

— Maggie Kimmitt



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Standing at Gainesway Farm, Afleet Alex has enjoyed a resurgence as a stallion in 2014 and 2015.

The Stallion

Afleet Alex hadn't exactly fallen off the map when he checked in 66th on the North American general sire list at the end of 2013. He'd sired the earners of more than \$18.6 million, a pair of Grade 1 winners and 30 stakes winners, yet he wasn't exactly the most sought-after stallion in the country either.

Things changed in 2014 when Afleet Alex, after his ninth season at Antony Beck's Gainesway in Lexington, enjoyed a late-season run that resembled a few of his racing victories. Afleet Alex ranked 21st on the general sire list with a career-best \$6,502,730 in progeny earnings and he put himself back in the thoughts of breeders thanks to Texas Red and Iotapa. Afleet Alex started on a similar path in 2015 with a classics contender in Florida Derby-G1 winner Materiality and three more stakes winners through the first quarter.

"He's proven himself as a very solid, consistent stallion," said Michael Hernon, Gainesway's director of sales. "They're sound. They have a blend of speed and stamina as he did. You've got a top older filly in Iotapa, a Breeders' Cup Juvenile

winner in Texas Red, a Travers winner in Afleet Express, a Hopeful winner in Dublin and now you've got this horse, Materiality, who wins the Florida Derby in his third start. That's a pretty good resume."

Hernon said interest in Afleet Alex was strong for 2015 and expected 120 mares to visit the 13-year-old son of Northern Afleet. His first crop of 136 was his largest and he went through the usual dip in his three subsequent seasons before going back to 100 or more foals for his 2011 and 2012 crops. Those gains were aided by two colts from his first crop in Dublin, winner of the 2009 Hopeful Stakes-G1, and Afleet Express, winner of the 2010 Travers Stakes-G1.

The numbers dipped in 2013 and 2014 and Afleet Alex has just 73 juveniles and 42 yearlings of 2015.

"The market is very fickle," Hernon said. "It's very picky and a lot of times I see people tend to try and pick on a horse and find a hole rather than embrace the horse. This horse showed real speed, great ability to accelerate. He was a stakes winner at 6 furlongs and at a mile-and-a-half. His Belmont was really an exciting race. Being

at it, I remember getting goose bumps when he just demolished the field basically in a 3-furlong burst."

Jess Jackson tried to buy an interest in Afleet Alex as a racehorse and bought a substantial interest in his breeding rights late in 2005. Along with the Cash is King team, Jackson (who died in 2011) helped settle on Gainesway.

Afleet Alex was initially priced at \$40,000, slightly less than the \$50,000 commanded by 2005 Horse of the Year Saint Liam. The Preakness/Belmont winner dropped to \$15,000 in 2013 and \$12,500 in 2014. Breeders who got in on the \$12,500 fee this year might consider that a steal if Afleet Alex continues to inch up the general sire list (he was 22nd through April 6), if Materiality is a factor in the classics or Texas Red returns to form.

"I could see him, if he finishes out the year well, being a horse that could be priced at a stronger number for 2016 based on these past six months and hopefully forthcoming success," Hernon said.

The strides made by Materiality in 2015 are part of the reason. The \$400,000 purchase by Steve Young on behalf of Alto Racing at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May

sale won his debut going 6 furlongs in January at Gulfstream and stretched out to 9 furlongs to win the Islamorada Stakes in early March. He stamped himself as a classics contender by fending off Upstart in the \$1 million Florida Derby 22 days later.

Afleet Alex also sired 2015 stakes winners Sharla Rae, McGehee's Mercy and My Savannah Belle through April 6. Texas Red, who made one other stakes start at 2, a third behind American Pharoah and Calculator in the Grade 1 FrontRunner last September, finished second in the San Vicente Stakes-G2 in his only start at 3 before being taken off the Triple Crown trail in March with foot problems.

Ritchey has trained several Afleet Alex sons and daughters, and loves the versatility.

"I see him in some of them," he said. "Alex gets good sprinters, turf horses, fillies, colts, it's not one-sided like some sires. [Materiality] was my pick of the sale last year, we just couldn't afford him. He looked a lot like his daddy."

—Tom Law

The Aftermath

Ten years is a long time.

Chuck and Carol Zacney watched the Derby and Preakness replays on VHS tapes. Now, they can watch them on their phones. Daughter Amanda recently got her master's degree at Philadelphia University. Another daughter, Casey, is a sophomore at Gettysburg College. Alex, for whom the horse was named, is a sophomore and plays baseball at St. Joe's Prep in Philadelphia.

Cash is King partner Joe Judge died of cancer in 2013 after retiring and moving to Florida, adding some sadness to the passage of time. The Zacneys still own horses, still buy at the sales. They and two other Cash is King partners (Lerro and Barbara Judge) own shares in Afleet Alex and have raced some sons and daughters including graded stakes winner Afleet Again.

Chuck Zacney visits Afleet Alex at Gainesway on trips to Kentucky and gets reminded of the horse frequently—including a brush with greatness last summer in a Saratoga restaurant.

"We were in Sperry's waiting for a table, and I told the maître d' we were there 10 years ago with Afleet Alex," said Zacney. "He couldn't believe it, then starts telling me about how Alex is his favorite horse ever and pulls out his phone and shows me a picture. We got a table."

Beyond restaurant waiting lists, Afleet Alex changed Zacney's life—at least a little.

"He gave us fame from being owners and certainly it put money in our pockets,

but overall we're pretty grounded," he said. "I'm in the same business [a medical billing company he founded] and go to work every day. It's neat now to go to the racetracks and hear all the stories. There's a notoriety attached to him and we'll always be part of that."

Pittsburgh, Pa., native Ritchey has yet to find another Afleet Alex, but still plies his trade—albeit on a smaller scale. The stable used to hit 60 horses.

Now it's more like 16, downsized to relieve some stress, some costs, some work, some difficulty keeping staff. He had a string at Oaklawn for the winter, had won two races from 17 starts through early April 7, and was planning a return to Delaware Park.

"It can be a grind," said Ritchey, of the training business. "I'd rather have 15 to 20 horses now. That's as many as I need and as many as I'd want to have."

Ritchey, who won the 2013 Delaware Oaks-G2 with Afleet Alex's daughter Dancing Afleet, co-owns many of the horses in his barn and lives with his wife Janet on a 12-acre farm in Cecil County, Md. They watched the Preakness with their sons Benjamin (who recently went back to school to become an electrical contractor after working in his father's barn) and Christopher (a Manhattan real-estate agent).

Afleet Alex provided plenty for the family.

"He gave us the opportunity to do what our goals were—to get to those kind of big races and be successful in them," said Ritchey, who turns 64 this month. "I'll probably never have that opportunity to be there again, sometimes it's a once in a lifetime thing. If I do, I'll appreciate it. I hope every trainer that gets up in the morning and works at this gets the chance. It was a special time."

Rose's career got a boost from the 2005 season, earning him an ESPY award from ESPN and propelling him toward the top of the national standings. He won 891 races from 2006 (when he finished third in the Preakness on Hemingway's Key) through 2010. During that time, he had opportunities to ride such horses as Havre de Grace, Big Brown and Game On Dude, and he won Saratoga's Grade 1 Whitney Handicap with Bullsbay in 2009.

He weathered storms, too, including the fallout over an incident at Delaware Park where he struck a mount in the eye with his whip in 2008. Stewards suspended Rose for six months, then cut it to three after a hearing that included several witnesses who spoke on Rose's behalf.

By 2011, Rose's numbers declined and so did his professional and personal life. He attempted to rush back from a shoulder injury and broken ribs he'd sustained in a spill at Gulfstream Park. He hadn't fully healed, wasn't riding well and said he experienced "mental issues" along his road to recovery.

"It was a bit of a rough time," Rose said. "I went back to my farm, stayed there, played with the horses back home. I stayed with the family and just kind of got away, let things settle and made sure I still had the passion, which I did." Rose hasn't cracked 100 wins since 2011. Over the past five years, he has taken several hiatuses from racing and has considered retirement.

Last year, he rode 495 races (winning 93) including a successful stint at Indiana Grand. This winter, he rode in New York and won 16 races to go along with a 43-percent in the money rate from 120 mounts at Aqueduct. In early April, he needed three wins to reach 2,500 for his career.

When he looks back on 2005, he still experiences a complex range of emotions.

"I'd say it's pride and accomplishment of being at the top of your game during that time period," he said. "I made a couple of mistakes in the Derby but for the preps and that type of thing, I felt I rode pretty good races. So, it's good that when the pressure was on, I didn't really collapse."

Early in the Afleet Alex saga, Zacney read a news account of Alex's Lemonade Stand. The childhood cancer foundation owed its start to Alex Scott, who at age 4 started a lemonade stand after receiving a stem cell transplant to fight neuroblastoma. The idea took root and in 2004, the year Alex died, more than \$1 million had been raised.

The more Zacney learned about that Alex, the more he thought of his son and the horse he named for that son. The owner made a phone call, pledged a piece of Afleet Alex's earnings to the cause, and before long Alex's Lemonade Stands were part of major Thoroughbred races.

"It was just a nice gesture, that's all it was going to be," said Zacney. "I sent a check in 2004 because they were trying to reach their goal of \$1 million. At the end of last year, they hit \$100 million. When Jay and Liz [Scott, Alex's parents] talk, they still give some credit to Afleet Alex for what he meant to the foundation. I never planned something like that, but it's amazing how it turned out."

All of it is. 

With additional reporting by Tom Law, Maggie Kimmitt and Dan Tordjman.



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Many Manic Moments

Preakness history includes
its share of trips, traps, troubles

By Cindy Deubler

Winning the Preakness isn't easy. And then there are the years when winning is an adventure. Tight quarters . . . drifting stretch runs . . . wide turns . . . incredible drives . . . jockey objections . . . that's a lot to overcome to wear the Black-Eyed Susans and hoist the the Woodlawn vase. Perhaps the most glaring, and in recent times most memorable, was Afleet Alex's stretch run in the 2005 Preakness. But it's not hard to find other Preakness wild rides.

1980—Codex

Was she or wasn't she fouled? Golden girl Genuine Risk had the world hoping she would add the Preakness to her classic collection. The first filly to win the Kentucky Derby in 65 years faced a daunting task as the powerful Codex stood in her way. The Tartan Stable homebred had missed the Derby when he was not nominated and arrived at Pimlico a fresh horse.

Codex, the first Preakness runner for D. Wayne Lukas, had Angel Cordero in the irons and was on his way to victory rounding the far turn when Cordero spied the rallying filly. "Cordero looked back entering the stretch, angled extremely wide intimidating and lightly brushing Genuine Risk in early stretch," noted the *Daily Racing Form* chart comments. An objection by Genuine Risk's rider Jacinto Vasquez was disallowed.

Public reaction was swift and vocal. Letters expressed disbelief, disgust, anger and more. Among those received by *The*



Eventual winner—on the track and in a Maryland Racing Commission hearing—Codex (right) and Kentucky Derby-winning filly Genuine Risk battle in the stretch of 1980 Preakness.

Maryland Horse included: "I hope you will write a good editorial on that *disgraceful* Preakness. The state of Maryland should be ashamed to even have it mentioned" and "For the sake of justice, there must be action against this outrage" (the writer

encouraged people to write and complain to the Maryland Racing Commission). Another expressed: "I find the Maryland stewards' decision to disallow the obvious foul by Cordero absolutely horrifying. . ." Another was in agreement: "I am writing

concerning the very narrow-minded decision of the stewards . . ." The vast majority of letter writers were women.

Genuine Risk's owners, Bert and Diana Firestone, appealed the stewards' decision. After a three-day hearing the commission voted 3-1 to let the results stand. Said commissioner Kenneth C. Proctor, a retired circuit court judge: "There was bearing out, I have no doubt, but in my opinion we have no power or authority to upset a judgment call, and that's what this was."

1954—Hasty Road

At times sulky, moody and a bit of a handful, Hasty Road entered the Preakness somewhat an enigma. When he set his mind on it, he could run, and he did just that, but added drama in the stretch run.

Setting the pace on the rail, Hasty Road, with future Hall of Famer John Adams up, was confronted entering the stretch by odds-on choice Correlation, with Hasseyampa flanking Correlation to the inside. Hasty Road drifted out, Correlation drifted in, and Hasseyampa was snatched back.

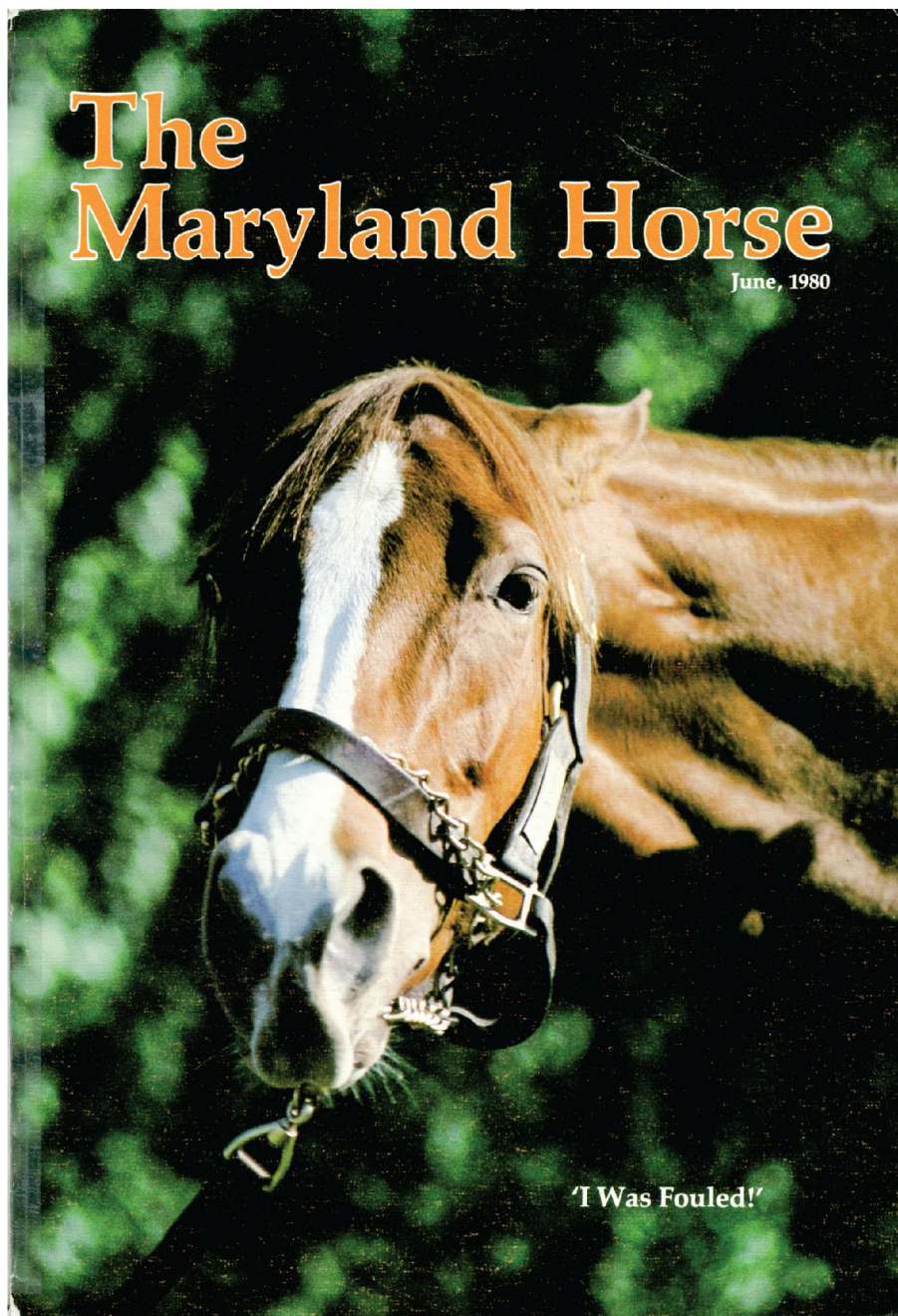
Joe Estes wrote in the 1954 volume of *American Race Horses*, "... when Hasty Road and Correlation lugged toward one another, they caught Hasseyampa in a switch." The claim of foul from Arnold Kirkland on Hasseyampa came against Correlation, but the result stood. Noted Estes, "When members of the press saw the race films later, several of them concluded that [Kirkland] would have had a better chance if he had made his charges against Hasty Road, which had borne out in front of Hasseyampa as the latter and Correlation made their challenge."

1962—Greek Money

One photo said it all. The head-on of Greek Money on the right, Ridan matching strides on the left, and Manuel Ycaza on Ridan leaning over with his elbow pushing into John Rotz. The image was caught by the *Baltimore Sun*'s Joseph A. DiPaola, and seen nationally when selected by *Life* magazine as the "Photo of the Week."

What led to the stretch duel and "battle" was Virginia-bred Greek Money grabbing the lead straightening for home, as Ridan, who led into the far turn, re-rallied and caught Greek Money in midstretch. Ridan gained the lead by a neck, and that's where the trouble began. He drifted in,

Top, Genuine Risk earned a cover spot for her second in the 1980 Preakness. Bottom: Hasty Road (center) set the pace in 1954, and refused to let Correlation get by late, winning by a neck.



Greek Money kept digging, and at the wire Greek Money had his nose in front.

There was a pause after the thrilling finish for Greek Money's connections—owner/breeder Donald Ross of Delaware's Brandywine Stable, trainer Virgil "Buddy" Raines and Rotz—when Ycaza filed a jockey's objection. But the result stood. Be it arrogance or heat of the moment, it proved an audacious move by Ycaza, for upon further review of film and photos—primarily the one taken by DiPaola—Ycaza was soon suspended and fined.

The account in the *American Racing Manual's* "Review of 1962 Races" by Charlie Hatton told the tale: "In the last 70 yards, Ycaza threw caution to the wind and was interfering with Rotz while his mount lay over on Greek Money. . . Ycaza indeed finished practically sitting beside Rotz on the Brandywine colt. . ."

1929—Dr. Freeland

One of the most exciting Preaknesses was also the first to be broadcast to a national radio audience. Legendary racing announcer Clem McCarthy, recently hired by the National Broadcasting Company, called the action as Walter Salmon's favorite Dr. Freeland overcame a collision at the start with his stablemate African, was, as reported by the *Daily Racing Form*, "hemmed in and meeting with some interference," in the opening stages, and as the field rounded the far turn "was shuffled back and it seemed hopelessly pocketed back of the leaders." As Minotaur and Beacon Hill battled into the stretch, Louis Schaefer on the favorite "saw an opening between the pair and he sent Dr. Freeland up. As he did so there was some bumping and it seemed inevitable that he would be shut off, but he fought his way through gamely to come home the winner by a length."

The first objection in Preakness history by a jockey against the winner added to the drama, as it was reported that the rider of second-place finisher Minotour alleged that Schaefer had grabbed his saddlecloth on the far turn in an attempt to prevent him from passing and had to smack him with his whip to get away.

The judges debated for what seemed an eternity to the tuned-in audience and more than 40,000 at the track until allowing the results to stand.

Dr. Freeland was the third, and final, Preakness winner for Salmon, who had won with Display in 1926 and Virgil in 1923. Schaefer made history 10 years later when he became the first to ride and



Virginia-bred and Delaware-owned Greek Money (right) prevailed despite the tactics of Manny Ycaza on Ridan (left) in 1962.



The Preakness winner of 1926, the temperamental Display, won 23 of his 103 career starts.



Trainer Ben Jones and his lead pony ushered Calumet Farm's 1941 Preakness (and Triple Crown) winner Whirlaway to a morning workout at Pimlico.



Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm (center) hung on to win the 1997 Preakness in a tight stretch battle with Captain Bodgit (left) and Free House.

later train a Preakness winner, sending out Challedon to victory in 1939.

1926 – Display

Salmon's winner three years earlier created his own drama. The temperamental son of Fair Play often acted up while being saddled and in the post parade, fought the barrier at the start, and showed a lack of interest during his races.

The erratic colt was overlooked for the Preakness (John Hervey of the *Daily Racing Form* wrote of Display: "The public recognized him as one equally dangerous to wager on or against, for what he was going to do was unpredictable.") But he was not the cause of the nearly 10-minute delay at the post. The favorite, local hope Canter, was considered the main offender. Reported the *Form*, "There was considerable delay at the post, for which

Canter was chiefly to blame. Mars was also troublesome, and in rearing he hung himself over the temporary inside rail that was built up for the start. He did not seem to have suffered any serious injury from this accident. But Canter, in lashing about with his heels, kicked Navigator and it may have had some effect on the former's showing."

Canter shot away to immediately contest the lead, while Display came out slowly and was far back in the 13-horse field. But Display charged past the first wave in front of him, went after the leaders while racing wide, closed quickly to gain the lead at the top of the stretch, then battled Blondin to the wire to win by a head. "Stride by stride the colts were locked," noted the account in the *Form*, "but Display would not give an inch. . ." For those who took the chance, he was a \$40.70 winner.

The colt deemed "the Iron Horse" won a dozen stakes during his career, in which he averaged 17 starts per season (25 as a 4-year-old), made 103 starts, winning 23, finishing second in 25 and third 27 times.

1941 – Whirlaway

Calumet Farm's difficult, high-strung chestnut colt tried the patience of his trainer, Ben Jones, who eventually outfitted the colt with special blinkers with the left cup removed in an effort to keep Whirlaway from bearing out. Whirlaway—known for his exceptionally long tail—was the top money winning 2-year-old of his year, but came into the classics with questions about his ability and antics. He dominated the Kentucky Derby and went into the Preakness as the even-money favorite, yet there remained doubters. When the Preakness field sprung from the gate, Whirlaway confirmed suspicions, spotting his rivals many lengths as the field went by the stands the first time.

But under the guidance of Eddie Arcaro, "Mr. Longtail" proved the Derby wasn't a fluke. Gradually reeling in the field, he accelerated going into the far turn and exited at the top of the stretch with a 5-length lead which he maintained to the wire.

Arcaro later described the experience, as printed in *The Preakness: A History*, by Joseph J. Chalmers: "We were practically left at the post. Around the first turn the field leaders seemed to be at least a mile away. I didn't start Whirlaway moving too soon, and I had to gamble on his finishing speed. I could not tell at that time whether he was in a running mood or not. But I found out after I had turned him loose and told him to go. I thought I was riding a blinding tornado."



Secretariat accelerated early in the 1973 Preakness, rolling from last to first with huge strides around the first turn.

RAYMOND WOOLFE JR.

1997 – Silver Charm

The top three finishers in the Kentucky Derby reprised their roles in the Preakness—winner Silver Charm, owned by Bob and Beverly Lewis and trained by Bob Baffert, and challengers Free House and Captain Bodgit. The free-wheeling Free House was sailing along on the lead as the field charged around Pimlico's far turn with Silver Charm and Gary Stevens a length behind. The two grays flew down the stretch, Free House not ready to concede, Silver Charm slowly reeling him in, and Captain Bodgit unleashing a late burst to nearly catch both at the finish. Silver Charm won by a head over Free House, with Captain Bodgit another head back in third.

Eventual Belmont Stakes winner Touch Gold finished fourth, 1¼ lengths behind Captain Bodgit, after nearly falling on his head when stumbling out of the gate, steadying in a pocket at the half-mile pole and steadying again when trying to come up the rail inside Free House in the stretch.

1901 – The Parader

Sometimes, no matter what happens, the best horse still manages to win. In one of the "Lost Preaknesses" run at the turn

of the century when Pimlico was shuttered, The Parader overcame repeatedly bad decisions by his rider to still win by daylight. The account of the race, one of 15 contested at Gravesend in New York (from 1894 to 1908), reported in the *New York Times* left no doubt about it:

As if to demonstrate how great is the gap between a really good horse and the selling class division, The Parader, at the Gravesend race track, yesterday, with an actual run of a quarter of a mile, and very badly ridden at that, won the Preakness Stakes, over a course of a mile and seventy yards, after looking as though beaten through the carelessness of his jockey twice in that last quarter. In the race, The Parader was an odds-on favorite. . . Landry rode the favorite, and evidently had waiting orders, which he interpreted to mean that he must lie out of the race, last of the field, until they reached the stretch for the run home. . .

Landry took The Parader to the outside and away around his field, and on the straight called on him for the run to the winning post. The Parader actually ran over his opponents at the first chance he had to straighten out, and in a furlong was in front, and winning so easily that Landry again took him up, a bit too soon, however, as the horses began to close near the end and forced Landry to go to riding again within a few yards of the finish. Again The Parader responded instantly, and won easily at the post, after all, though the queer

manoeuvres of his rider caused much uneasiness to the backers of the favorite.

1973 – Secretariat

It was the "move"—fans swooned and the racing gods anointed the chestnut Virginia-bred as one, if not the, all-time greatest. Prone to drop back away from the gate, Secretariat assumed his customary spot at the start, was relaxed as the field flew down the stretch the first time, and then made the move.

Taken to the three-path by Ron Turcotte, Secretariat took off entering the clubhouse turn, seemingly levitating as he flew past five rivals.

The *Daily Racing Form* chart caller described it: "He was guided outside two rivals entering the clubhouse turn and responding when Turcotte moved his hands on the reins, made a spectacular run to take command entering the backstretch." The last-to-first quarter-mile move took him less than 22 seconds.

Exerting so much energy so early in a race made Secretariat's followers hold their breath that he could sustain his drive. But his rivals never got close. He cruised home, setting a track record of 1:53 (which was officially credited to him in 2012). ★

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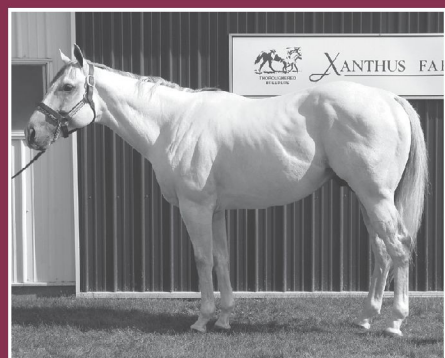
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More than buzz

Quality performers, good timing fuel success of Fasig-Tipton's May 2-year-old sale

By Tom Law

The 2-year-olds in training sale season used to kick into gear in early February and sometimes even late January. Nick de Meric remembers it well, packing up and preparing to ship newly minted juveniles from Ocala to South Florida not long after he and many of his colleagues put away their holiday decorations.

Juvenile auctions in the early part of the season often attracted the top prospects and subsequently the most well-heeled buyers. Later sales felt more regional, catering primarily to local horsemen looking to fill orders for owners that race nearby and with occasional top prospects getting a last chance when they didn't sell earlier in the season for any number of reasons.

Maryland's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale fit that criteria,

as a steady market that generated total receipts close to \$10 million and average prices around \$30,000 in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The Midlantic sale gradually improved and is regarded as a place to buy young horses with potential at racing's highest levels.

Now, it's become all that and more, and opinions are strong for the 2015 sale to be held Monday and Tuesday, May 18-19, at the sales pavilion in Timonium.

"It's a tried and trusted venue and it's certainly on an upswing at the moment," said de Meric, who sold Florida Derby-G1 winner and classics contender Materiality for \$400,000 at last year's sale.

So what exactly was the reason for the shift, which certainly wasn't seismic but seminal nonetheless?

The sale's position on the calendar is undeniably a factor since it falls two days after the Preakness, when the buzz in racing is at its highest level. The effect of the excitement from a big race is nice, but how it translates into actual results in the auction ring is debatable.

The collective buying power of owners, trainers and agents in one place matters too, but the position on the calendar is the newest key to the equation.

"There is a backward trend now with the dates of the 2-year-old sales," de Meric said. "For many years we would ship to our first 2-year-old sale in the middle of

January. That seems like a long time ago now but when we had the OBS sale at Calder, that's when we would ship. As good as that was to us over the years I must say I'm delighted that we don't have to do that anymore."

Consignors such as de Meric like the Maryland sale's later position on the calendar, which allows them to get two months of training into a horse pointed to May versus one selling at earlier sales. Sellers also like the sale's open format, which bulks up the catalog to attract a larger buyer base.

"Timonium is a great venue for us," de Meric said. "It's got that open sale format, which is appealing to a lot of buyers these days. The date on the calendar is great for the slightly late maturing types. The Mid-Atlantic region is a resurging racing community and we do see people at that sale that we don't see anywhere else. Having said that we see most of the regular faces, too, but there are also those that we don't find at other places. It's great to get your horses in front of some new eyes."

Before buyers get a look at this year's horses they'll see evidence of the sale's reputation as a proven source of top prospects on the catalog cover—three times over. Bayern, winner of last year's Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and three other

graded stakes, sold for \$320,000 at the 2013 Midlantic May sale. Dortmund, a leading Triple Crown candidate who ran his record to 6-for-6 with his victory in the Santa Anita Derby-G1 in early April, brought \$140,000 at last year's sale. Plus Materiality, who is also unbeaten heading in the Kentucky Derby-G1.

Other recent graduates include Cary Street, Happy My Way, Kaigun, Vicar's in Trouble, Vyjack and Winning Cause.

"The success of the graduates is a huge factor," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning Jr. "Those three are on the front cover, and the back cover is full of quality horses as well. The sale fits very well in the sales schedule [for horses] who, 'don't need to be rushed,' or 'need a little bit more time early on in the year.' It's a good racetrack, it's a dirt racetrack, which I think gives people confidence buying in the marketplace today. Fortunately our consignors have a high level of confidence to bring a quality product there. It's a win-win situation for everybody."

The Alex Factor

Champion and dual classic winner Afleet Alex, sire of Materiality, is another Midlantic May graduate and while his \$75,000 sale didn't generate any headlines

in 2004 it proved very important. Afleet Alex sold for nearly twice the sale's average and more importantly, gave Fasig-Tipton a bona fide star to promote as a graduate.

Afleet Alex won the Grade 1 Hopeful and nearly scored in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile as a 2-year-old and returned the following season to win the Preakness and Belmont Stakes to cap a championship 3-year-old campaign.

Afleet Alex also backed up the notion that consignors could feel confident bringing top prospects to Timonium in the middle of May and not be restricted to Florida and California in February and March or Kentucky and Florida in April.

"Afleet Alex was kind of a breakthrough year, being a sales graduate who went on to win two classics," Browning said. "He became the example of being able to bring a quality horse there and sell a quality horse as well as buy a quality horse."

"It helped change the image and the profile of the sale. It became a sale where the reality is if you're a major player and you want to buy top 2-year-olds it's a sale you can't afford to miss anymore. You cannot fail to be represented at that sale given the quality of horses that have been coming out in recent years and the quality of horses that will be in the catalog this year."

The 2015 catalog got a significant boost when Mike Moreno's Southern Equine Stables announced the start of what it called "a strategic plan to reduce a portion of its Thoroughbred holdings."

The Midlantic sale will be the first beneficiary of that reduction with a draft of about 15 Southern Equine horses. The group will include a full-sister to Grade 1 winners Spun Sugar and Daaher (Awesome Again—Irish Cherry, by Irish Open), a filly by leading sire Tapit out of champion Maryfield, and a Bernardini filly who is the first foal out of Grade 1 winner Champagne d'Oro.

"It's a quality group of pedigrees and some very nice individuals," Browning said. "It will certainly be a drawing card for the sale, no question about it."

In early April, the sale couldn't come soon enough for the sales company and some potential buyers.

"Overall we're very confident," Browning said. "We've got a good group of horses. We're anxiously awaiting the sale. We're looking forward to it and a lot of folks have expressed interest in it and are clamoring for the catalog already. We keep telling them, 'It's not time just yet.' "



A Legend's Life

*Plenty of Mid-Atlantic connections
flow through Jerkens' Hall of Fame career*

By Sean Clancy

Venerable trainer H. Allen Jerkens died March 18 at 85. Based predominantly in New York and Florida over his storied career, Jerkens ventured to the Mid-Atlantic area with horses over the years and trained for several Mid-Atlantic based owners.

Jerkens won the Delaware Handicap in 1971 and 1972 with Hobeau Farm's Blessing Angelica, at the time joining Endine and Obeah as the only two-time winners of the race. In 1993, the Jerkens-trained Devil His Due won the Pimlico Special-G1. Speedster Kelly Kip gave Jerkens a De Francis Dash-G2 victory in 1998. The first Maryland Million card, in 1986, included a win in the Nursery by First Patriot from the Jerkens barn. In 1991, the Hall of Famer judged the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's yearling show.

In addition, Jerkens trained multiple Maryland-bred champion, Grade 1 winner and millionaire Shine Again and other standouts for Allaire duPont's Bohemia Stable, and trained New Jersey-bred champions Classy Mirage, Virginia Rapids, Missy's Mirage and Belong to Me for the Stavola brothers' Middletown Stables.

In a career spanning seven decades, Jerkens crossed all eras of racing—from Seabiscuit to Secretariat, Carry Back to California Chrome. Jerkens won 3,859

races, 11th on the all-time list. His horses earned \$103,754,915, 14th.

From the archives, here are some Mid-Atlantic themed excerpts from Jerkens.

On the Seabiscuit/War Admiral match race at Pimlico in 1938:

"Seabiscuit and War Admiral, I couldn't believe when Seabiscuit won the match race. War Admiral was the same size as Seabiscuit, they tried to make it out that he was a big horse in the movie."

On riding steeplechase races alongside future Hall of Famer Dooley Adams:

"He rode up next to me and said, 'Hey jock, drop your hold. He's going to pull you over his head.' I had too short of a hold of my horse. Of course I was pretty tall for being on a little, short horse. He said it just like we're sitting here, then he went right on and won the race. He was great. He was a great rider."

On Kelso and the D.C. International:

"The International was one of the greatest races, long on the turf, horses

would come over from England, France. . . People came out to see it. That day when Kelso turned for home after being hounded on the lead. . . I loved that race. Kelso didn't like the grass, he was just so good, he ran on it. He ran hard when he was second in it, chased Beau Purple and got caught. He won the International once [1964], he went the last quarter in 23 going a mile-and-a-half, it was one of those falls that it didn't rain. Christ, what a horse. Look at his record. All the weight he carried, he was good size but he wasn't that big. Imagine winning the Gold Cup, 2 miles, five times, five times in a row. Seems like a long way for a 3-year-old doesn't it?"

About shipping horses from New York to Monmouth Park:

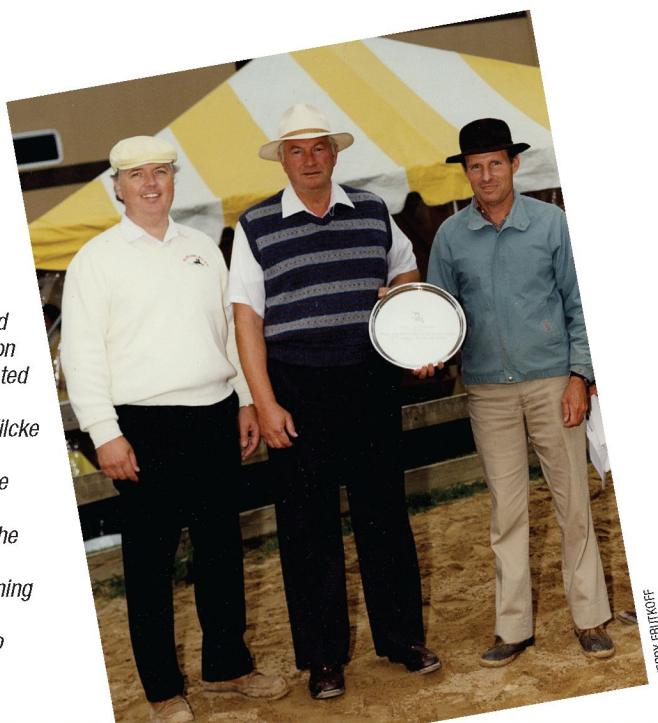
"When we were running at Monmouth, we used to get there a little before the track opened after harrowing, gallop them once around, wash them, put them away and run them. Seemed like they relaxed more."

About Kelly Kip:

"Kelly Kip should have been champion, look what he did. If you want to be champion, you have to go after it, that's what you're supposed to do, I guess. There are a lot of good horses that weren't champions. Kelly Kip won the big race on Wood Memorial Day, the big race at Finger Lakes, the big race on Mass Handicap Day in Boston and he won the big race in Maryland, the De Francis. Everywhere he went he set a track record. God, he was a runner. Nobody was better than him, he had that extra gear. The good ones have



Allen Jerkens (center) judged the 1991 Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show, and accepted a trophy from then MHBA executive director Rich Wilcke (left) and J.W.Y. Martin Jr. Jerkens trained millionaire Shine Again, the 2003 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, for Bohemia Stable. Although cajoled into running in the 1998 De Francis Dash, his charge Kelly Kip set a stakes record.



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that extra gear. I've been nervous about running a lot of horses. I was nervous when I ran Kelly Kip every time, I never wanted him to get beat."

On training Shine Again into her 5- and 6-year-old seasons:

"Most horses that get old with you know what you're going to do. She knows when we're close to a race. She's one from the past. She loves to train. Naturally, they always said 5 was mature, absolute mature. If they get to be 5 and keep their desire, then you have a really strong horse. If they don't have the desire, it doesn't mean nothing. Just like people, some of them just don't want to do it and some just do it no matter what. The oldtimers used to say, 'A bird that can sing can be made to sing.'"

On Shine Again's consistency:

"When they finish in the money as many times as she has (31 of 34 starts in the top three), she's run good even sometimes when she doesn't really feel like it. Real good horses have to fight sometimes when they're not 100 percent. They're pros. Pros win. They have something on the other guys. Cheaper horses have to be dead right all the time or they don't get anything."

On writers and winning:

"I get a kick out of these writers, they ask you for definites. Everybody's doing the same thing. All you can do is the best you can, if you don't run good, you can't kill yourself, you've got to figure out how you can do better the next time. If you look at all those books on horses of yesteryear, they didn't quit when a horse ran a bad race, they'd give him a little rest and come back with them. You gotta hope you can win every time, but you can't."

On why he trained horses until the end:

"Number one, you don't know anything else. Number two, you play polo and do things that use up all your money so you have to keep working. You just get to where you like to compete, you like horses and that's why you keep trying. You have to be lucky. There's a lot of guys who try hard that can't get lucky. You also have to be lucky enough to do it every day. It's an every-day game. You can't play it once in awhile, you have to play it every day." *



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Comfort Zone

'Big' hopes follow surprise winner of Private Terms as shipper wires field

BY DAN TORDJMAN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM McCUE



First time stakes winners Bridget's Big Luvy and a smiling Angel Cruz splash home in the Private Terms.

It was all in the hands of apprentice jockey Angel Cruz. Having landed a major opportunity—the mount on Bridget's Big Luvy in the \$100,000 Private Terms Stakes at Laurel Park March 21—the young rider was told by trainer Jeremiah Englehart to use his hands wisely. Specifically, Englehart told Cruz to not let his grip get in the way.

From the moment the 3-year-old son of Tiz Wonderful broke from the gate over a muddy track, the colt made it clear that he wanted the lead. And Cruz obliged. Prepared for the scenario, he loosened his grip and allowed Bridget's Big Luvy to get comfortable.

"I thought Angel did a really nice job," Englehart said. "With this horse, it's really important that you just kind of take a nice

long hold with him. He doesn't want to be choked back. You can't take him back or he'll just stop and lose interest."

Englehart's insight carried even more weight once Bridget's Big Luvy's competition backed off through reasonable splits of :24.25, :48.14 and 1:13.14. With 3 furlongs to go, Bridget's Big Luvy had a 4-length lead and plenty in reserve. He kicked on and won easily, completing 1½ miles in 1:51.92. Bodhisattva finished 2½ lengths behind in second with race favorite Net Gain third.

When it was all over, Cruz again used his hands—this time in celebration. He pumped his right fist in the air, let the moment sink in for a few seconds and then triumphantly raised his arm up and down

again. It was the first ever stakes victory for the bug rider who has spent most of the winter riding in New York.

"Oh my gosh, it was the best feeling in the world," Cruz said. "I can't even explain it. The moment that I passed the finish line, I was smiling and thanking God and the trainer for giving me the chance. If it wasn't for God and the trainer, I wouldn't have been on the horse."

Bridget's Big Luvy, out of the Dixie Union mare Memories of Mystic, was bred in Maryland by David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm.

Prior to winning the Private Terms, Bridget's Big Luvy had won only once from four tries, a maiden special going 6 furlongs over a sloppy track last October at Belmont Park. He followed up with a fifth in the Hutcheson Stakes-G3 at Gulfstream Park in January.

Despite those mixed results, Englehart was optimistic coming into the Private Terms. Immediately afterward, Kentucky-based owner Tom O'Grady nominated Bridget's Big Luvy to the Triple Crown at the final deadline.

"We thought he was going to be a nice horse all along," Englehart said. "Obviously, having a 3-year-old this time of year that's showing a little promise is always exciting."

It's especially exciting for Cruz, who turned 20 a week after the victory. Englehart said Cruz would retain the mount on Bridget's Big Luvy.

"Everyone is comfortable with Angel," Englehart said. "With this horse, he just needs a certain style and I think it works well with Angel."

Born in Puerto Rico, Cruz grew up in Glen Burnie, Md., and learned to deal with adversity at a young age when his father was murdered in 2007. That was part of the reason why Cruz said he displayed such emotion.

"I was just thinking, 'man, my father's in heaven,'" Cruz said. "He should be proud of me. That's what I was thinking."

BY THE MOON RECAPTURES FORM

Jay Em Ess Stable's By the Moon needed some class relief and some help from Mother Nature. The 3-year-old Indian Charlie filly got both in the \$100,000 Caesar's Wish Stakes, as she splashed home by 4 lengths over a muddy track.

Sent off at 9-10, By the Moon stalked longshot pacesetter Country Mamma early before getting her cue from Victor

Carrasco turning for home. By the Moon took over with ease and won the 1-mile event in 1:38.20. Been Here Before finished second with Wide Country Stakes winner Gypsy Judy third.

"Once I saw the rain coming down, I was pretty happy," winning trainer Michelle Nevin said. "She seems to have an affinity for an off track, so that kind of helped the scenario, too. Regardless, she looked pretty well within herself throughout the race. I was very happy with her."

By the Moon hadn't looked so dominant since winning last fall's Frizette Stakes-G1 in the slop at Belmont. In her two starts since, she was a distant eighth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 and fifth in the Forward Gal Stakes-G2 in January at Gulfstream.

By the Moon was pointed toward the Caesar's Wish after the Forward Gal for several reasons, including the race's distance.

"We targeted that spot for her because it was a one-turn mile and she ran so big at Belmont going a mile," Nevin said. "I wanted to just simulate that again and see how we'd go. It worked out."

Bred in Kentucky by her owner Samantha Siegel, By the Moon is out of the multiple stakes-winning Malibu Moon mare By the Light, also campaigned by Jay Em Ess. The Caesar's Wish was By the Moon's third win from six starts and pushed her lifetime earnings to \$485,440.

"It was nice to get her back to her winning ways," Nevin said. "Her confidence seems to be up after that. She's been bouncing around the shedrow. She seems pretty happy with herself. With any horse, your ultimate goal is to run for the big bucks but we'll just take our time, evaluate her training from now over the next couple of weeks and think about her next spot."

'GOURMET' GLOWS IN CONNIVER

Eddy Gourmet finally got her shot after three years and 23 races and made the most of it. The 5-year-old daughter of Eddington didn't just win the \$100,000 Conniver for Maryland-breds in her stakes debut, she dominated.

"As the race was unfolding, I was in disbelief," said trainer Hugh McMahon.

The most surprising development was the way the pace developed. It was only Eddy Gourmet's second race with blinkers. The move had been made by McMahon to calm the horse, not to get her to go fast early.



Thriving on the muddy track, Jay Em Ess Stable's homebred By the Moon, a Grade 1 winner at 2, gets her first victory of the year as the favorite in the Caesar's Wish Stakes.



Eddy Gourmet makes it look easy in the Conniver Stakes for Maryland-bred fillies and mares.

"With the blinkers, it kind of sedated her last time," McMahon said. "It relaxed her, because she's a very nervous type filly on race day. So, we anticipated that going into the race, but we got the opposite."

What McMahon got was Eddy Gourmet and jockey Sheldon Russell pressing a fast

pace set by speedster Turf Craze. They clicked off an opening quarter in :22.90.

"She broke and was chasing Turf Craze with the speed and [Russell] said she was just dragging him," McMahon said. "I thought, 'man, she's going to the lead too soon. She's going to turn and burn.'"

McMahon's eyes widened even further when Eddy Gourmet took over from there and ran the half in :45.78 and 6 furlongs in 1:10.60. Eddy Gourmet completed 7 furlongs in 1:23.50, crossing the wire 7/4 lengths ahead of Printasticat.

"When things like that happen," McMahon marveled, "I have to say what [WinStar Farm president] Elliott Walden says, 'it's a God thing,' and I'm very thankful."

In retrospect, the victory was a remarkable accomplishment for a mare who started her career with one win in her first 14 starts. Bred by Michael Cataneo from the Citidancer mare Mz. Ann, Eddy Gourmet didn't experience much success with Ginger Punch Racing and trainer Barclay Tagg.

Toby Roth purchased Eddy Gourmet in late 2013 and six months later she showed up at Pimlico with McMahon as her new trainer. In her first race for Roth and McMahon, she lost by a neck in an allowance race. She broke through with her first score against winners last July at Delaware Park.

Eddy Gourmet has since won three times in nine races. Her blooming form and victory in the Conniver pushed her career earnings to \$244,110.

McMahon said the condition book at Pimlico would probably force him to stretch out Eddy Gourmet to keep her in stakes company. Wherever she runs, Eddy Gourmet appears as fit as ever and could be a potential force in the older female division.

"Developmentally, each horse kind of reaches the zenith of their ability and they become the strongest and the fastest they can be," McMahon said. "She has really come into her own physically. Right now, I would say that's a very strong looking athlete."

INVESTMENT UPGRADES COME TO LAUREL, PIMLICO

Patrons were greeted by several changes aimed at improving the track's aesthetic and overall visitor experience during the winter meet. The Maryland Jockey Club announced that it was investing \$7 million in improvements, which included upgrades to Laurel's grandstand, clubhouse and backside.

Initial changes featured 150 new flat-screen televisions and a projection system. The screens replaced older TVs and many were repositioned. On the backstretch, work was completed on one of two 300-stall barns. The MJC was also investing in a building on the backside with new lavatories and 20 outdoor wash stalls.

The MJC also announced an additional \$1.5 million investment to broadcast the 2015 spring meet at Pimlico in high-definition television. Coinciding with the move to HD was the purchase and installation of an additional 150 TVs at Pimlico.

LAUREL LEADERS

Russell reestablished himself as a force in the Maryland jockey colony and cruised to the title for the winter meet with 43 victories, four more than Jevian Toledo. Victor Carrasco finished third with 32. Russell won riding titles at Laurel in 2011 and at Pimlico in 2011 and 2013.

Claudio Gonzalez continued his success atop the trainer standings. After finishing in a four-way tie for the 2014 title, he captured his first solo crown in the fall at Laurel and followed it up with yet another training title this winter. The Chilean-born trainer won 20 races and his runners earned \$630,436 during the meet. McMahon finished second with 16 wins. Scott Lake, Hamilton Smith, Mike Trombetta and Kieron Magee rounded out the top spots.

MCA Racing Stable's seven wins were tops among owners. Stronach Stables finished second with five wins and Barbara Houck, PTK LLC and Bruno Labanca were next with four each. No owner earned more money than Frank and Ginny Wright, whose \$242,400 figure was paced by two stakes wins for Lady Sabelia. ★

March stakes results for Laurel Park

3/21 Caesar's Wish (\$100K). 1 mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **BY THE MOON** (dk.b./br.f., Indian Charlie—By the Light, by Malibu Moon). B: Samantha Siegel (Ky.). O: Jay Em Ess Stable. T: Trainer: Michelle Nevin. J: Victor R. Carrasco. Time: 1:38.20. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Been Here Before**. 3rd: **Gypsy Judy**.

3/21 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial (\$100K). 1½ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **PAGE MCKENNEY** (ch.g., 5, Eavesdropper—Winning Grace, by Yarrow Brae). B: Dr. James Bryant and Linda Davis (Pa.). O: Adam Staple and Jalin Stable. T: Mary E. Eppler. J: Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:50.88. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Adirondack King**. 3rd: **Souper Lucky**.



Page McKenney made it back-to-back stakes wins at Laurel after taking the Campbell in February and Harrison E. Johnson Memorial in March.

3/21 Private Terms (\$100K). 1½ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **BRIDGET'S BIG LUVVY** (b.c., Tiz Wonderful—Memories of Mystic, by Dixie Union). B: Dark Hollow Farm (Md.). O: Tom O'Grady. T: Jeremiah C. Englehart. J: Angel Cruz. Time: 1:51.92. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **Bodhisattva**. 3rd: **Net Gain**.

3/21 Conniver (\$75K/\$100K MD-sired). 7 F. Reg. MD-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **EDDY GOURMET** (b.m., 5, Eddington—Mz. Ann, by Citidancer). B: Michael P. Cataneo (Md.). O: Toby Roth. T: Hugh I. McMahon. J: Sheldon Russell. Time: 1:23.50. Margin: 7/4. 2nd: **Printasticat**. 3rd: **If Not For Her**.

Eye Catcher

Team Valor buys 3-year-old Unrivaled off easy maiden score for Montoya

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

It isn't often that a horse competing at Parx Racing catches the attention of a high-profile national ownership group, and even more rare that they're subsequently purchased with the intentions of pointing toward the Triple Crown.

But that's exactly what happened when trainer Marya Montoya and her Philadelphia-based owner David Wright's Waldorf Racing Stable unveiled Unrivaled, a 2-year-old colt they claimed in October at Keeneland.

The \$30,000 claim who raced initially for his breeder, WinStar Farm, broke his maiden at the Bensalem course by 15 lengths in late December, prompting an offer from Team Valor International.

Team Valor has made a name for itself over the years by campaigning top-class horses, including Kentucky Derby-G1 and Dubai World Cup-G1 winner Animal Kingdom, Breeders' Cup winners Pluck and Prized, Grade 1 winner and classic-placed Captain Bodgit, and numerous other Grade/Group 1 stars.

"I didn't see Unrivaled break his maiden, because the race was only a few days before Christmas [Dec. 23] and I was pretty busy," said Team Valor president Barry Irwin. "But I have someone who works for me who saw him win, and then told me about it."

After Unrivaled's Parx victory, Wright decided to sell to Team Valor in early March and the colt was quickly syndicated.

Montoya saddled the colt for his next start, a \$49,600 conditional allowance at 1½ miles March 15. Under the Team Valor colors, he won by 5 lengths under wraps. The win boosted Unrivaled's career totals to two wins, two seconds and a third from six starts and earnings of \$69,520.

Unrivaled is a son of Super Saver out of Safely, by Unbridled. Safely is out of Grade 1 winner Oath and a three-quarter sister to dual-graded winner Honest Man from the

family of champions War Pass and Bayou, Grade 1 winner Karlovy Vary, and graded stakes winners Great Intentions, Country Light and Jack Milton.

Montoya, based at Parx throughout most of her career, shifted some horses to the Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland this winter to get access to the Tapeta all-weather track. She is the daughter of former leading trainer Dennis "Goose" Heimer, who earned his nickname because he'd stretch his neck out to look over people's shoulders at the *Daily Racing Form*. She lost her father to a heart attack when she was 15 in 1989, but remembers him as a quiet man who would help any racetracker who needed it.

Inducted into the Parx Hall of Fame in 2012, Heimer won 1,246 races (including six seasons with more than 100 wins) while training for such notable owners as Dan Lasater and David Vance. Among others, he trained stakes winners Clocks Secret, Utmost Celerity, and another Parx Hall of Fame inductee, 34-time winner Cheating Arthur.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Problems with the Parx main track due to ice and snow forced management to cancel multiple times over the winter and the track lost its 19th program of 2015 March 20. As if weather-related cancellations didn't wreak enough havoc, a shutdown was averted the weekend of March 21-22 when more than 50 jockeys initially refused to ride because of a waiver Parx management was requiring them to sign.

The situation began in November, when Parx distributed a waiver between races in the jockeys' room, requiring riders to sign it and "acknowledge" the risks of competition. A similar waiver was given to all backstretch personnel, who were forced to sign or lose backstretch privileges. After the jockeys and representatives of the

Jockeys' Guild objected, Parx withdrew the waiver, but earlier this year produced a new waiver with nearly identical language tied to a new on-track accident insurance policy due to go into effect March 20.

When entries were taken for the cards of March 21-22, only two riders were named for the 18 races.

A joint press release March 18 between Parx management and the Jockeys' Guild announced that an agreement had been reached, in which jockeys agreed to limit any lawsuits against the track to Bucks County, Pa., courts, in exchange for the track agreeing to rectify several safety concerns raised by jockeys.

NEWS AND NOTES

The 10-year-old Will's Way gelding Reflected Way, who made all but three of his 107 lifetime starts through March 31 in Pennsylvania, rang up his 21st career victory March 17. Owned by Susan LeBarron and trained by Keith LeBarron, the Pennsylvania-bred has earned \$721,478 over nine seasons. Reflected Way took 14 tries before he broke his maiden back in August 2008, but since then has been a steady competitor for a variety of owners and trainers. . . Dawghouse Stable's Ring It Up survived a troubled trip on the front end but had enough left to hold on for a head victory in a \$48,980 allowance March 14. ★

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Flattering Bea ends six-race losing streak with victory in Violet Handicap

BY JEFF NATIONS; PHOTOGRAPHS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY



James Arrison's homebred Flattering Bea got her first win of the year in the Violet Handicap in March.

A long winter just wasn't quite ready to let up in March, costing horsemen a full week of racing at Charles Town Races when a snowstorm dumped eight inches in the first week of the month.

By mid-March, all that white stuff was a fast receding memory as multiple stakes winner Flattering Bea loaded into the gate as a heavy favorite in the March 18 Violet Handicap. Fresh off a lackluster seventh in the Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G2 a month earlier at Laurel Park, the 5-year-old Kentucky-bred Flatter mare found the West Virginia competition much more to her liking.

That's often been the case for Flattering Bea, a James Arrison homebred out of the Wild Rush mare Wild Bea. She's turned in some of her best races at Charles

Town—her first stakes win came as a 2-year-old in the Miss Shenandoah Stakes, her third career start. Flattering Bea also scored her lone victory of 2014 on last year's Charles Town Classic night in the \$200,000 Sugar Maple Stakes.

Trained by Crystal Pickett, the 2-5 favorite scored by 4 lengths in the 7-furlong Violet, her sixth win in 21 career starts.

READY FOR RIVALRY

The next chapter in the long-running rivalry between a pair of local legends will be written this season.

But while the ageless Russell Road, three-time winner and reigning champion of the West Virginia Breeders Classic Stakes, was just starting to dust off the

cobwebs at age 9 and put in his first workouts of the year in March, younger rival Lucy's Bob Boy—the horse he stunned in the Classic last October—kept going to the office.

A March 26 allowance marked the third race of the year for the 6-year-old, and the gelding bounced back nicely from an off night the previous month with a 1¼-length victory going 6½ furlongs against stakes-rated company.

Trained by Sandra Dono for owner Michael Furr, the Flatter gelding won for the second time this year and further padded his resume as the horse to beat at Charles Town—on most nights, anyway. He's won 23 of 31 at the track.

HOT HAND

Jose Montano, Charles Town's leading jockey by wins three years running, showed in March he's well on his way to making it four. Besides his winning ride aboard Flattering Bea, the 29-year-old native of Mexico reached the winner's circle with stunning regularity no matter the conditions.

Montano scored back-to-back victories March 14. First, riding for perennial leading trainer Jeff Runco, he brought home state-bred 7-year-old Waves and Tides for a half-length victory going 6½ furlongs. Montano then guided Tizracer to the front right from the break, extended his lead to 8 lengths and withstood a late challenge to win by 4½ lengths going 1¼ miles. The Kentucky-bred 5-year-old son of Tiznow is owned and trained by Bob Buskey III.

A week later, Montano teamed with Dono for a 6½-furlong allowance aboard 4-year-old state-bred Hattie B. A Flatter filly owned by Furr, Hattie B scored by a half length, recording her fourth victory in 15 lifetime starts—all at Charles Town. Montano tallied another allowance win March 25, this time for longtime Charles Town trainer Ronney Brown aboard the Pennsylvania-bred Deputy Storm colt Arkaybee.

The scores kept coming for Montano, who notched another aboard the Runco-trained Moonlight Run March 26. Owned by Jeff and Susan Runco's Coleswood Farm and Smart Angle, the 4-year-old state-bred El Corredor filly won for the second time in as many starts this year.

The month wasn't over and Montano wasn't finished winning. He took another Dono-conditioned horse to the front and stayed there when he rode Estimated

Prophet to a 4¾-length allowance victory going 6½ furlongs March 28. Dimitri Racing Stable owns Estimated Prophet, a Kentucky-bred colt by Pollard's Vision.

NEWS AND NOTES

■ Trainer John Casey's multiple stakes-placed homebred Comeonletsplay got his 4-year-old campaign off to an impressive start March 14 with an 8-length victory in a 6½-furlong allowance race. It was the Luftikus gelding's fifth career win, but his first since September.

■ March was a solid month for betting longshots. Two big scores hit on the March 26 card: claimer Worldseriesatade won by a neck and returned \$57.80, and Prospects of Grace paid \$40 in winning his debut in maiden special weight company. Bettors cleared \$58 with Derby Wine March 21; \$56.20 on Bubba's Gold March 20; \$53.20 on C M's Quietann March 11; and \$52.60 on Called March 27.

But the jackpot came March 25 with Catoccet's maiden-claiming score. Making her seventh start, and first of the year, the

4-year-old West Virginia-bred daughter of of Toccet scored against state-breds and returned \$151.80.

■ Charles Town jockey Sylvester Carmouche III, 32, was charged with four counts of attempted murder and single counts of first-degree arson and cruelty to animals after allegedly setting fire to a home in Martinsburg, W.Va., while his girlfriend and three children were inside March 24.

Carmouche rode in just two races at Charles Town this year before his arrest. ★

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Golden Success

Mazzinis enjoy winter racing success with homebred Medallist filly Medallezza

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

Rich and Marie Mazzini's Golden Key Racing Stable has enjoyed much success over the last several years with horses trained by Mike Trombetta. They enjoyed their best year in 2014, winning 11 races from 38 starts and accumulating purses of \$208,331.

While the Mazzinis have done well with horses they've claimed, they're also reaping the rewards of homebred Medallezza, winner of two allowance races this winter at Penn National Race Course.

The gray/roan 4-year-old Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Medallist out of Mercuryna, by Skip Away, has shown herself to be an equine Swiss Army Knife. After breaking her maiden at Penn National in early November going 6 furlongs on a fast track, she came back to capture a 6-furlong allowance Dec. 10 over a sloppy surface. Her most recent victory was Feb. 28, when she prevailed in a 1-mile allowance over a fast track. The victory was worth \$20,240, part of \$70,081 in career earnings through March.

The Mazzinis live on a 10-acre farm in New Tripoli, Pa., about an hour from Penn National, and have focused on buying and claiming horses, but decided to breed Mercuryna, a \$20,000 Timonium yearling purchase, after her racing days were over.

"Racing was always our thing," said Marie, who said her husband decided he wanted to get involved in racing after frequent trips to Bay Meadows Race Course in Northern California, where they lived for several years. "And Rich is very savvy claiming horses. He's not afraid to cut his losses if they don't work out."

Marie grew up in Berlin, N.J., and became interested in the sport through living near the training track of Steven Murphy, a local trainer. Medallezza, foaled

in 2011, is Mercuryna's fourth foal (and first winner).

"When Medallezza was a foal, the farm manager at Northview [PA] told me more than once how lovely she was," Marie said. "She was broken and got her early training at Country Life Farm in Maryland, and they liked her a lot, too. She went right on to Mike [Trombetta] at Fair Hill."

Medallezza's first start came at Parx in January 2014, in which she finished sixth and emerged with a cut on a hind leg. Given time, she returned in October at Penn National, finishing third, before breaking her maiden in her third try.

"She's a big filly, and not particularly lovey-dovey," Marie said. "She's all business."

After two years of not producing a foal, Mercuryna had a filly by Pennsylvania sire Senor Swinger in 2014, but died due to foaling complications. The filly has been named Saint Kateri, after the first Native American to be declared a saint.

The best horses campaigned by the Mazzinis have been Gamblers Flight, a \$14,000 claim who went on to capture several allowance races before being lost at the claim box for \$75,000 in 2000 at Saratoga out of a winning effort, and the 15-time winner Elliott's Girl, a hard-knocking Maryland-bred daughter of Par Excellent.

The Mazzinis, approaching their 50th wedding anniversary, named their racing stable after the road they live on in Lehigh County. Rich is an independent consultant in the electric industry, and served in various management positions for a number of energy firms.

Among the horses in their stable are recent claims Buckeye Heart and Valerie Victoria, 2015 maiden winner Move Over Honey and consistent claimer We'll Talk.

FARA'S KID KEEPS UP MEYERHOFF FAMILY TRADITION

Another horse trained by Trombetta, Fitzhugh's homebred 4-year-old Lemon Drop Kid gelding Fara's Kid, captured a \$33,698 allowance during the March 11 program to run his 2015 record to two wins in three starts.

The Pennsylvania-bred was sent off as the favorite in the 10-horse field, and may have given his supporters some anxious moments in the early stages of the 1-mile and 70-yard test.

Lagging in seventh as 15-1 shot Nin's Thermometer set sail on the front, Fara's Kid commenced his rally nearing the far turn, collared the leaders in the final sixteenth and won by 1½ lengths. Fara's Kid won for the third time in 12 starts, earned \$21,240 and increased his bankroll to \$87,248.

Sticky, a daughter of Concern and the dam of Fara's Kid, captured the Maryland Million Oaks, Maryland Racing Media Handicap and All Brandy Stakes while earning \$381,650 for owner/breeder Robert Meyerhoff and trainer Dickie Small.

ARROWWOOD ENJOYING RUN

Homebreds from the Arrowwood Farm of Tom and Susan Coulter scored a double Feb. 25.

In the fourth race, 5-year-old Devil His Due gelding Early One Morning led all the way to win his 6-furlong contest, while in the eighth, 4-year-old City Zip filly Future Value came from just off the pace to win at the same distance.

Tom Coulter owns a Princeton, N.J.-based insurance compliance consulting firm, and has been enjoying success with homebreds since starting Arrowwood in 2009.

The Coulters transformed the 145-acre farm in York Springs, Pa., into a Thoroughbred operation after their mares foaled for many years in Kentucky. They began owning racehorses in 2003 and won two races the first year. In 2014, they won 22 races and \$670,246 in purses.

They've won six races from 33 starts and \$80,852 through March 31. One of their top homebreds is Fourth and Long, a 4-year-old son of Grand Slam out of Look Deep, by Petionville, who captured three allowance races in 2014 and finished second in allowance company Jan. 12 at Penn National. ★

A Winter's Tale

Owner/trainer Day, import Diplomat weather storms to claim Carolina Cup

BY SEAN CLANCY

Five days. Five long, cold, questioning days. That's how many times Jimmy Day rode on his own this winter. The Virginia-based owner/trainer received phone calls, read the texts in the morning, "Can't get there today. . ." From wannabe jockeys succumbing to the cold, the nays cut a sharp divide.

"They want to be jockeys. . ." Day scoffed. "If you can't come in on a cold morning and I'm 56. . . you have no chance riding races. It makes you wonder."

The former jump jockey rode on his own on those days, cursing the winter

weather, wondering what he was doing and wishing for spring.

Spring came March 28.

Day shipped Diplomat to Camden, S.C., for the Carolina Cup. Restricted to novices, the \$75,000 hurdle stakes attracted five horses. Diplomat, owned by Day and his wife Emily, ripped through the inside leaving the backside, opened 3 lengths and lasted by a half-length over Syros. Veteran Bernie Dalton guided the winner.

"I hated every day of the winter," Day said. "Until one minute after the Carolina Cup."

Purchased for 11,000 guineas at the Tattersalls horses in training sale in October, Diplomat was turned down by one of Day's clients, becoming the house horse in November and Day's fourth Carolina Cup winner in March.

Bred in Kentucky by Ken and Sarah Ramsey, Diplomat was sent to Irish trainer Dermot Weld and won twice on the flat as a 3-year-old for his breeders, and finished third behind future star Declaration of War, in 2012 before getting a new owner and switching to hurdles.

Still trained by Weld, Diplomat won twice over hurdles in 2013, but rode a 10-race losing streak into Tattersalls. Day liked what he saw.

"His form was still there, he wasn't getting beaten far, it's very competitive in Ireland," Day said. "He's got plenty of speed and he couldn't be a lovelier horse to be around, he's like a pony, he's a wonderful horse to gallop, his attitude about everything is perfect. He's a rare one."

Day unveiled the son of Kitten's Joy on the flat at Piedmont Point-to-Point a week before Camden. He finished second



Bred in Kentucky but raced in Ireland, Diplomat flies the last fence en route to the Colonial Cup win for owner/trainer Jimmy Day.



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to hurdle stakes winner Kissar N Run. Day employed four-time champion jockey Paddy Young for that assignment.

"I asked Paddy where we were and he said he wasn't ready for Camden," Day said. "Having said that, I followed him back to the barn and he was cooled out in two minutes and came out of the race like a monster, I said, 'You're running dude.'"

The decision to run was based on competition as much as expectation.

"Let's put it this way, if it was an eight-horse field, he wouldn't have been going," Day said. "I was nervous going to Camden, it was incredibly hard to get him there, it was the most [awful] winter I've ever been through in my life. You're trying to get these horses out to the best of your ability, but it's hard. I rode all of them myself on those days, did what anybody would have done. I didn't enjoy any of it. Until after the Carolina Cup, then I was like, 'What a winter.' It was worth it. Payback."

Diplomat added to Day's success in the spring feature at Springdale Race Course, joining previous Carolina Cup winners Spy in the Sky (2010), Top of the Bill (2006) and Canta Ke Brave (2002).

Trainer Napravnik finds early wins

Trainer Jazz Napravnik jumped out to a quick start, saddling two winners with her first four starters for a tie at the top of the standings after three race meets. Based in Monkton, Md., Napravnik wintered in Camden and sent out Jennifer Pitts' Bau Bai Gold to win an allowance hurdle at Aiken March 21 and B'More Hopeful Stable's So Outspoken to win a maiden at Stoneybrook April 4.

"The gods whispered in my ear and said, 'Get out of Maryland, it's going to be a long winter,'" Napravnik said. "You can't win races sitting in the barn."

Bau Bai Gold lost for a \$3,500 claiming tag at Beulah Park in her final start on the flat. The Pennsylvania-bred 5-year-old mare earned \$30,000 in her first three starts over hurdles. Napravnik's sister, Rosie, rode the daughter of Sightseeing at Fair Grounds in January 2014 and mentioned her as a steeplechase prospect.

"Rosie said, 'I can't get her to go faster than :50 but I can't pull her up.' I thought, 'Hmm, that might work.' I kept an eye on her career, when she got to Beulah,

I started to feel bad for her," Napravnik said. "She needed some weight. She's blossomed into a nice horse. You can't take every cheap horse and turn them into her, but if you look for the right qualities, look in the right places, sometimes you can get lucky."

As for So Outspoken, he's another poster boy for the sport. Literally.

Nappravnik entered the son of Bernardini in the Retired Racehorse Project last year. He didn't win that (tough to oust Icabad Crane) but he learned, showed the spectators what a potential steeplechaser looks like, wintered in Camden and won his second hurdle start after placing fourth at Aiken two weeks earlier.

"He's really well-bred. He's that horse we talk about promoting to flat owners," Napravnik said. "A \$350,000 yearling, broke maiden for 25. Beautiful, looks the part, sound, good conformation, no wind issues. What do you do with him? Clearly he's not reaching his potential at the race-track."

So Outspoken broke his maiden for Repole Stable and Todd Pletcher at Saratoga in 2013. Claimed in his next start by Linda Rice, he returned to finish seventh at Belmont and was claimed by trainer Mike Maker and Napravnik's brother-in-law Joe Sharp. So Outspoken made three fruitless starts to finish 2013 and was derailed by a small fracture in a hock and a splint for most of 2014. He made one training flat start—finishing second at the Colonial Cup in November—to finish 2014.

"We drove all the way to Camden for an ego boost. He's an emotional horse, he doesn't like the starting gate and I thought it would do him some good," Napravnik said. "He was running well on the flat but we didn't feel like his heart was in it. We decided to try him over jumps. All of my horses school to some degree and he showed potential and really seemed to enjoy it."

Perhaps, they'll offer a run-off election with Icabad Crane someday.

Balance the Budget scores at Aiken

As Jimmy Day struggled with the northern winter and Napravnik utilized a southern sojourn for the first time, trainer

Julie Gomena utilized her standard winter retreat in Aiken, S.C.

It worked.

Gomena plundered the Budweiser Imperial Cup in the season opener at the Aiken Steeplechase. Balance the Budget drew off from three rivals to win the \$50,000 stakes by 21 lengths. Kieran Norris guided the winner for Stonelea Stable.

Balance the Budget won three races on the flat while bouncing through the claiming ranks from Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott to five others before going to Gomena. Once switched to hurdling, the son of Bellamy Road has racked up two wins, a second, two thirds and two fourths in eight starts. The chestnut 6-year-old has yet to miss a check.

"The one thing I've learned about him is he's a naturally fit horse, the less I do, the better," Gomena said. "I felt like he was right for Aiken, the less you train, the better he is, so we eyeballed it and went there. I wouldn't say I was surprised he won, I was surprised it was so easy for him."

Balance the Budget sat third for most of the way and then put the race to bed in a flash.

"Nobody moved the whole time, I was like, 'OK. OK. OK.' Then when they went down the backside, you can't see because of the tents," Gomena said. "The announcer said, 'And Balance the Budget is making a move.' He came around the turn and he was 20 in front, there were no other horses around."

Jumping Around

■ Betsy Mead's homebred Forgotten Man relished the new conditions offered for allowance horses, winning the feature at Stoneybrook April 4. The \$25,000 race was restricted to horses which have never won \$18,000 once or a claiming price of \$20,000. With two wins in his career, Forgotten Man fit and won the feature for trainer Doug Fout and jockey Gerard Galligan, who doubled on the card.

"It was the perfect spot for him," Fout said.

Forgotten Man won an allowance hurdle in 2013 and tangled with stakes horses Able Deputy (GB), All Together and For Non Stop (Ire) in 2014.

The 7-year-old is out of Mead's Hark the Sound (GB), who won over hurdles in 2003.

■ Champion Demonstrative knocked off some rust with a training flat spin at Camden. The 2014 champion finished second to Promised Destiny, beaten a nose. Demonstrative will aim at the Grade 1 Iroquois in May.

■ Four Pennsylvania-breds won early in the season—Bau Bai Gold (bred by Damchu Stables), Heroic Royal (Nina Gardner), Hiwasee Gem (Janet Elliot and Gillian Johnston) and Stalled (Bill Pape and Jonathan Sheppard). . . Like Napravnik, trainer Kathy Neilson got off to a quick start with two wins in her first six starts. . . New for 2015, NSA race videos are available online from Hunt Cup Productions at vimeo.com/hcpsports. ■

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Region leader Not For Love pensioned at 25

Northview Stallion Station announced the retirement of Not For Love March 20. The 25-year-old son of Mr. Prospector had suffered a reproductive hematoma that would “take too long to heal at this time in the breeding season to consider going forward,” said farm veterinarian Dr. Jayson Layfield, who advised the stallion be pensioned.

With 15 crops of racing age—his 16th are now 2-year-olds—Not For Love has long been a leader among regional stallions and in 2008 ranked in the top 15 nationally. Making his entire career at the Chesapeake City, Md., farm, he has consistently gotten runners—80 percent of his foals have started—and 80 percent of those starters are winners.

In the “Stallion Statistics Seeking Durability, Soundness” report released by The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation in 2014, Not For Love ranked sixth for lifetime starts per starter (21.7) and eighth by lifetime percentage of foals of racing age to start.

The report examined stallions which ranked within the first 200 sires by progeny earnings nationally for 2013.

For 13 of the past 14 years Not For Love’s progeny earned in excess of \$3 million, including 2014, and his total progeny earnings through early April were approaching \$69 million. His 757 runners have average earnings in excess of \$90,000 and he is the sire of 79 stakes winners, at least one from every crop



TONY LEONARD

to race. His richest runner is millionaire Eighttofasttocatch, the only three-time winner of the Maryland Million Classic.

Not For Love was still at the track when purchased as a 5-year-old by Richard Golden from breeder Ogden Mills Phipps. Stakes-placed at 4 with trainer Shug McGaughey, Not For Love was transferred to Graham Motion and retired after racing four seasons, from 2 to 5, making 29 starts, and winning six times to earn \$178,870.

It was his pedigree that sold breeders. By one of the greatest sires of sires, he is out of Dance Number, a Grade 1-winning daughter of Northern Dancer. Other foals by Mr. Prospector out of Dance Number included Eclipse Award-winning juvenile Rhythm and graded stakes-winning filly Get Lucky.

His second dam, champion Numbered Account, produced Grade 1 winner Private Account and stakes-placed Polish Numbers, both successful sires. Polish

Numbers also stood at Northview, and was the leading freshman sire in the nation in 1995. The family has only grown more successful over the past 20 years, producing the likes of Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Super Saver and numerous Grade/Group 1 winners and top sires.

Not For Love’s largest foal crop was in 2006, with 86 registered foals. As he aged, his career was carefully managed, and he has 39 2-year-olds and 26 registered yearlings (he covered 52 mares in 2013 with 33 live foals reported). In 2014 he was bred to 42 mares. He covered three mares this year, but none are in foal.

“Not For Love will set the bar in Maryland for all stallions standing there in the future,” said Golden in the farm’s announcement. “We tried to give him another year or two with a very limited book but he sent us a message that we read loud and clear. He will now retire to his home that he has loved for the last 20 years.”



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Wise Dan's sire Wiseman's Ferry dies at age 16

Wiseman's Ferry, sire of two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan, died of a heart attack after covering a mare March 17 at Dana Point Farm in Lenhartsville, Pa. The 16-year-old son of Hennessy had bred five of the 38 mares booked to him this season.

Wiseman's Ferry moved to Dana Point in 2009 after standing in New York for two years and Kentucky for three. He arrived in Pennsylvania with two crops of racing age, and counted among his runners 2-year-old stakes winner Kick On. His third crop turned out to be the best. Among the foals of 2007 are champions Wise Dan and Riding the River.

Wise Dan was unraced at 2, but showed his potential at 3, winning four of six starts, including the Grade 3 Phoenix Stakes at Keeneland.

His accomplishments grew from there and the gelding earned Horse of the Year



honors, as well as champion older male and champion turf male, in 2012 and 2013. He was 4-for-4 last year although sidelined twice, and is now on the comeback trail. Wise Dan has 23 wins (20 stakes) from 31

starts and earnings of \$7,552,920. Among his 11 Grade 1 scores were back-to-back runnings of the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Wiseman's Ferry's son Riding the River was Canada's 2012 champion grass horse, and has earned \$936,269. Another son, Wisemans Cure, is a champion in Panama and his daughter Fallera Mayor earned a championship in Ecuador.

Wiseman's Ferry has lifetime progeny earnings in excess of \$20 million, and 78 percent winners from starters. His runners have averaged 24 careers starts.

The largest of Wiseman's Ferry's Pennsylvania-sired crops was his first, 25 foals of 2010, which has yielded 12 winners from 16 starters. Of crops yet to reach the races, he has 11 registered 2-year-olds and 17 yearlings. He was bred to 33 mares in 2014.

The multiple graded stakes winner of \$825,266 launched his career in Ireland at 2, winning at 6 furlongs on the turf and placing in two stakes, once when second to champion Johannesburg in the Anglesey Stakes-G3. Wiseman's Ferry returned to the U.S. at 3 and scored in the Lone Star Derby and West Virginia Derby, both Grade 3 at 1½ miles on the main track, and finished second by a neck to Magic Weisner in the Ohio Derby-G2.

His dam Emmaus (by Silver Deputy), is a half-sister to four graded/group stakes winners including sires Bernstein and Della Francesca and stakes-producer Caress, dam of Grade 1 winner and sire Sky Mesa.

First-crop arrival for Despite the Odds



The first foal by Despite the Odds, out of C R's Stormy, by Stormy Atlantic, was bred by Suzanne Moscarelli's Country Roads Ltd. and foaled March 17.

STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2015

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.

The following statistics, compiled on April 2, reflect 2015 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./Runners	Avg./Runner	Stakes Winners
1. Rockport Harbor (deceased)	435	107	269	34	42	Weast Hill (\$83,400)	\$992,375	32	\$ 9,275	3
2. Jump Start (Pa)	1,098	78	175	24	28	Pants On Fire (\$60,140)	773,134	31	9,912	3
3. Not For Love (pensioned)	921	54	126	15	18	Lovable Lady (\$47,112)	553,613	28	10,252	0
4. Smarty Jones (Pa)	565	52	128	13	13	Nasa (\$40,000)	540,360	25	10,392	0
5. Brother Derek (WV)	115	40	109	14	20	Sam's Sister (\$148,500)	510,582	35	12,765	2
6. Corinthian (Pa)	456	108	261	23	28	Corin Blesse (\$87,360)	486,520	21	4,505	0
7. Lion Hearted (Md)	597	48	117	13	17	Bazinga B (\$54,444)	383,021	27	7,980	0
8. Orientate (Md)	747	59	148	15	17	Mappin Time (\$57,486)	371,171	25	6,291	1
9. Silver Train (deceased)	433	80	204	16	18	Meanbone (\$34,750)	334,119	20	4,176	0
10. Swiss Yodeler (WV)	748	44	115	15	21	Swissarella (\$60,280)	328,516	34	7,466	0
11. Medallist (Pa)	183	27	69	16	20	Medallicious (\$45,370)	326,148	59	12,080	0
12. Fairbanks (Pa)	187	45	112	11	11	Brazilian Symphony (\$38,310)	299,883	24	6,664	0
13. Windsor Castle (WV)	253	53	115	18	21	Ruby Red Rocket (\$28,320)	293,966	34	5,547	0
14. Great Notion (Md)	189	26	60	7	7	Great Drive (\$44,730)	261,383	27	10,053	0
15. Giacomo (Md)	290	48	131	13	14	Just Dancing (\$23,080)	249,335	27	5,194	0
16. Limehouse (WV)	348	46	118	12	14	House Wine (\$27,500)	235,463	26	5,119	0
17. Louis Quatorze (Md)	961	29	73	11	14	Louisa Girl (\$29,700)	211,864	38	7,306	0
18. Love of Money (deceased)	123	18	39	8	10	Jack's in the Deck (\$40,050)	204,700	44	11,372	0
19. Outflanker (Md)	518	26	60	7	9	Javerre (\$28,200)	203,877	27	7,841	0
20. Two Punch (deceased)	1,103	22	61	5	5	Jackson P (\$35,646)	198,683	23	9,031	0
21. Scipion (Md)	109	25	62	9	10	Whiskey Sour (\$28,860)	192,712	36	7,708	0
22. Street Magician (Md)	49	12	29	3	3	Magic Soul (\$36,960)	171,811	25	14,318	0
23. Talent Search (Pa)	76	18	57	4	5	Total Talent (\$52,350)	159,439	22	8,858	0
24. Petionville (Md)	687	36	83	8	10	Pesci to De Niro (\$34,800)	152,464	22	4,235	1
25. Weigelia (Pa)	63	22	53	6	6	Brenda's Way (\$33,345)	150,377	27	6,835	0
26. Gators N Bears (deceased)	151	17	34	7	7	Change of Command (\$46,100)	149,930	41	8,819	0
27. Luffikus (WV)	281	24	61	6	6	Devil's Gate (\$18,800)	137,432	25	5,726	0
28. Dance With Ravens (Md)	328	38	78	8	9	Charm City Dancer (\$20,180)	133,928	21	3,524	0
29. Partner's Hero (Pa)	447	20	56	7	7	Pink Hero (\$23,525)	131,739	35	6,587	0
30. Bop (deceased)	192	33	78	6	6	Silver Bop (\$31,209)	131,736	18	3,992	0
31. Albert the Great (Pa)	368	24	65	8	9	Mia Alberta (\$19,980)	129,748	33	5,406	0
32. Rock Slide (Md)	259	19	44	2	2	Aix En Provence (\$40,600)	129,709	11	6,827	0
33. Charitable Man (WV)	80	15	32	6	7	Charitable Annuity (\$30,340)	121,625	40	8,108	0
34. Defrere (NJ)	581	16	41	5	8	Oak Bluffs (\$31,630)	114,669	31	7,167	0
35. Real Quiet (deceased)	624	14	42	5	6	Sabbath Bay (\$38,448)	108,060	36	7,719	0
36. Cherokee's Boy (Md)	88	17	43	5	5	Lunar Rock (\$23,556)	102,691	29	6,041	0
37. Activist (Pa)	175	20	49	3	3	Gottagetamoveon (\$19,650)	99,917	15	4,996	0
38. Peak Dancer (WV)	79	21	53	5	5	Honybadgerdontcare (\$17,990)	98,871	24	4,708	0
39. Go for Gin (pensioned)	400	7	18	2	3	Shaunna Alexandra (\$56,030)	98,571	29	14,082	0
40. M Eighty (Md)	14	3	14	2	3	Fran's Buckaroo (\$73,857)	87,737	67	29,246	0
41. Formal Dinner (pensioned)	639	16	51	5	6	Wild Kira (\$17,318)	86,570	31	5,411	0
42. Lite the Fuse (pensioned)	536	11	30	4	7	Parrakeet (\$22,878)	83,997	36	7,636	0
43. Gimmeawink (Pa)	213	23	62	5	8	Gimmeadrink (\$27,600)	81,519	22	3,544	0
44. Reparations (WV)	135	15	40	3	4	Roche (\$27,370)	79,755	20	5,317	0
45. Denis of Cork (WV)	59	11	23	3	3	Lady of Cork (\$20,010)	78,261	27	7,115	0
46. Garnered (WV)	90	7	18	3	5	Nay's Back (\$35,160)	74,690	43	10,670	0
47. Don Six (NJ)	73	14	40	3	4	Don's Honour (\$21,900)	71,180	21	5,084	0
48. Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)	279	18	46	2	4	Wise Lou (\$23,490)	68,061	11	3,781	0
49. Fiber Sonde (WV)	63	12	26	2	4	Morningisbreaking (\$33,330)	67,674	17	5,640	0
50. Sir Shackleton (Pa)	94	19	44	4	4	Ameridude (\$17,550)	67,227	21	3,538	0
51. Forest Grove (deceased)	106	10	29	4	5	Arborville (\$29,600)	64,107	40	6,411	0
52. Delaware Township (Pa)	283	15	44	3	4	Picketts Corner (\$17,940)	63,518	20	4,235	0
53. Aisle (Pa)	84	13	31	3	3	Circular Drive (\$12,492)	54,670	23	4,205	0
54. Black Tie Affair (Ire) (deceased)	914	10	32	3	4	Blue Tie Affair (\$12,840)	53,540	30	5,354	0
55. Straight Talking (SC)	9	1	4	1	2	Gin Makes Ya Sin (\$49,830)	49,830	100	49,830	0
56. Gouldings Green (Pa)	20	4	15	2	2	La Mala (\$29,442)	48,978	50	12,245	0
57. Bullsbay (Pa)	34	6	11	0	0	Last Confession (\$13,986)	46,618	0	7,770	0
58. Real Estate (WV)	38	11	25	3	3	Sharp Razor (\$17,425)	45,692	27	4,154	0
59. Rimrod (Pa)	95	14	32	1	1	Castle Rockstar (\$7,434)	43,095	7	3,078	0
60. Andiron (Pa)	31	6	15	2	4	Hot Stocker (\$15,960)	41,883	33	6,981	0
61. Private Interview (NJ)	222	5	11	1	1	Amblin Easy (\$27,000)	40,531	20	8,106	0
62. More Smoke (Pa)	47	10	29	2	2	Knight Smoke (\$13,892)	40,098	20	4,010	0
63. City Sharpster (Pa)	53	16	53	2	2	My Favorite City (\$9,936)	38,088	13	2,381	0
64. Unbridled Jet (deceased)	257	3	14	1	2	Gringo Bay (\$25,320)	36,618	33	12,206	0
65. Grand Reserve (WV)	36	7	17	2	2	Mighty Grand (\$21,947)	35,471	29	5,067	0



ILLEGAL DOPING MEETS ITS MATCH

Trainers Praise
Natural Alternative

By: Mark Hansen

The pressure to win is so enormous that many horsemen resort to whatever it takes to get a piece of the purse or a decent sale...even if it means putting their horses' lives in mortal danger by doping them with illegal synthetic erythropoietin (EPO) drugs to boost endurance.

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		Weekend Surprise				Somethingroyal
					Lassie Dear	Buckpasser
Page McKenney , ch.g., 2010						Gay Missile
					Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
		Yarrow Brae				Mint Copy
					Bally Five	Miswaki
		Winning Grace				Charlotte Amalie (Fr)
					Deputed Testamony	Traffic Cop
		Neolithic				Proof Requested
					Tulyars Turn	Turn to Mars
						Tulyar Lady
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		earnings
12	7	0	1	1		\$ 7,548
13	12	3	4	0		70,670
14 (sw)	12	6 (2)	4 (3)	1 (1)		308,860
15 (sw)	2	2 (2)	0	0		120,000
	33	11 (4)	9 (3)	2 (1)		\$507,078 (through March 21)

2014: 1st \$75,000 **Robellino S**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. (off turf), registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Penn National, Aug. 23; \$75,000 **First Responder S**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. (off turf), 3 & up, Parx, Oct. 11; 2nd **Jewel S**, **Mountaineer Mile S**, **Richard W. Small S**; 3rd **Alphabet Soup H**. Set ncr at Parx—1 mi. 70 yds. in 1:39.18. **2015:** 1st \$100,000 **John B. Campbell H**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Feb. 14; \$100,000 **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, March 21.

Bred by Dr. James E. Bryant and Linda P. Davis (Pa.); owned by Adam Staple and Jalin Stable; trained by Mary E. Eppler.

Sire: **EAVESDROPPER**, b., 00, stands at Emirates Park, Australia.

Dam: **WINNING GRACE**, dk.b./br., 04, bred by James M. Courtney (Md.). Raced 2 years, 3 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$1,600.

10 **PAGE MCKENNEY**, ch.g. by Eavesdropper.

11 Axel Woess, dk.b./br.c. by Love of Money. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$3,360.

Virginia-bred

SHAISHEE

Mahab Al Shimaal-G3

\$200,000-guaranteed, abt. 6 fur., 3 & up. Meydan Racecourse, U.A.E., March 7.

Shaishee, dk.b./br.g., 2010	In Excess (Ire)	Siberian Express	Caro (Ire)		
	Indian Charlie	Kantado	Indian Call		
	Soviet Sojourn	Leo Castelli	Saulingo		
		Political Parfait	Vi		
		Mr. Prospector	Sovereign Dancer		
	Smart Strike		Suspicious Native		
		Classy 'n Smart	Diplomat Way		
	Hatpin	Young Commander	Peach Butter		
	Lafayette's Lady		Raise a Native		
	French Tout	Gold Digger			
		Smarten			
		No Class			
		Lt. Stevens			
		Basie Blues			
		Tout			
		Oui Oui Cheri			
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
			In England		
12	2	0	0	0	\$ 0
			In England and U.A.E.		
13	6	0	4	1	8,382
			In U.A.E.		
14	9	3	2	3 (1)	90,485
15 (sw)	6	1 (1)	0	2	156,500
	23	4 (1)	6	6 (1)	\$255,367 (through March 28)

2014: 3rd **Jebel Ali Sprint**. **2015:** 1st \$200,000 **Mahab Al Shimaal-G3**, abt. 6 fur., 3 & up, Meydan Racecourse, U.A.E., March 7.

Bred by Audley Farm (Va.); owned by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; trained by Musabab Al Muhairi.

Sire: **INDIAN CHARLIE**, b., 95 (deceased).

Dam: **HATPIN**, ch., 02, bred by Greg Osterloh, P. Bance and J. Stuart (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 14 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$257,897, Alywou S, 2nd Duchess S-G3, Bessarabian S, 3rd Bessarabian H-G3, Star Shoot S. (FTS Aug 03—\$100,000; Kee Nov 07—\$1,050,000 in foal to Johannesburg; Kee Jan 15—\$135,000 in foal to Bodemeister)

08 **DANNHAUSER**, ch.c. by Johannesburg. Raced 5 years, 28 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 6, \$272,943, Laurel Turf Cup S, Bert Allen S, Daniel Van Clief S, 2nd W.L. McKnight H-G3, 3rd Japan Racing Association S. (Kee Sept 09—\$270,000; FTF Feb 10—\$350,000)

09 Hattusa, b.f. by Street Sense. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$7,730.

10 **SHAISHEE**, dk.b./br.g. by Indian Charlie. (Kee Sept 11—\$325,000)

11 Hatmaker, dk.b./br.f. by Empire Maker. Unraced.

13 Martin Night Bars, b.c. by Malibu Moon. Unraced. (Kee Sept 14—\$70,000)

14 dk.b./br.c. by Harlan's Holiday.

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Santa Anita Oaks-G1

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Curlin			Deputy Minister	Smarten	
	Sherriff's Deputy		Barbarika	No Class	
Stellar Wind, ch.f., 2012			A.P. Indy	Vice Regent	
	Malibu Moon		Macoumba	Mint Copy	
	Evening Star		Northern Fashion	Bates Motel	
	Sequins		Brilliant Touch	War Exchange	
				Seattle Slew	
				Weekend Surprise	
				Mr. Prospector	
				Maximova (Fr)	
				Northern Dancer	
				Fashionable Trick	
				Gleaming	
				Indian Nurse	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
14	2	1	0	1	\$ 27,200
15 (sw)	2	2 (2)	0	0	300,000
	4	3 (2)	0	1	\$327,200 (through April 4)

2015: 1st \$100,000 **Santa Ysabel S-G3**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, Feb. 28; \$400,000 **Santa Anita Oaks-G1**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Santa Anita, April 4.

Bred by Keswick Stables and Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Va.); owned by Hronis Racing LLC; trained by John W. Sadler.

Sire: **CURLIN**, ch., 04, stands at Lane's End, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **EVENING STAR**, b., 06, bred by Keswick Stables (Va.). Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$53,802.

12 **STELLAR WIND**, ch.f. by Curlin. (FTN Sar 13—\$40,000; FTM Sept 13—\$86,000)

13 gr./ro.f. by Exchange Rate.

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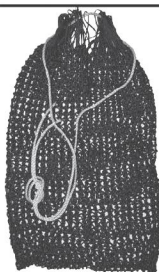


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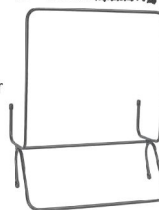


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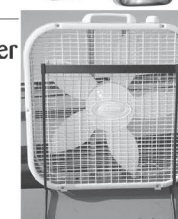
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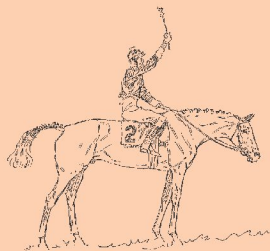
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2015 Maryland-bred Hall of Fame class

Awad and Little Bold John, newest members of the Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame, were two of the most durable, tough, hard-knocking Maryland-bred runners in the past 30 years. Both were running machines and retired as millionaires. A committee of Maryland racing industry members, coordinated by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Racing Media Association, deemed them most worthy of induction in the Hall of Fame's third class. They join previously inducted members Broad Brush, Challedon, Cigar, Concern, Find, Gallorette, Jameela, Politely, Safely Kept, Twixt and Vertex and steeplechasers Elkridge, Jay Trump and Tuscalee.

Awad is the second-richest Maryland-bred in history with earnings of \$3,270,818, made from 70 starts over seven seasons while winning or placing in 30 stakes, nearly half in Grade 1 competition.

Little Bold John is the all-time leading Maryland-bred by number of stakes wins (25) on the flat. He raced until age 10, started 105 times and won 38. When he retired in 1992 he was the third-richest Maryland-bred in history with earnings of \$1,956,405.

Jim Ryan's Ryehill Farm bred and raced Awad, a wiry, 15.3-hand bay son of Ryehill-bred Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Caveat. Racing from



Awad



Little Bold John

ages 2-8, Awad ranked among the best turf horses in the nation in the mid-1990s and was Maryland-bred champion turf horse four times (1993 and 1995-97).

During a career in which he won 11 stakes, eight graded—four Grade 1s—he recorded two course records which still stand: Saratoga (Aug. 9,

Coglansese

Double J

1997) going 1½ miles in 2:23.20 in the Sword Dancer Invitational-G1; and Arlington Park (Aug. 27, 1995), 1¼ miles in 1:58.69 in the Arlington Million Stakes-G1.

Little Bold John represented decades of breeding by legendary Maryland breeder Hal C.B. Clagett. The son of John Alden—Little Bold Sphinx, by Bold Ambition, initially raced

for Clagett, but was sold privately at the end of his 2-year-old season to first-time owner John E. Owens III.

For five consecutive years (ages 3-7), Little Bold John made 11 or more starts a season and won multiple stakes each year, including eight in 1987. Twice named Maryland-bred champion older runner (1988 and 1989), his

most notable victory came in the 1987 Grade 2 Donn Handicap over a field that included the previous year's Horse of the Year Lady's Secret. He also won three consecutive Jennings Handicaps (1987-89).

The MTHOF endeavors to celebrate the racing and studbook achievements of Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds nationally and internationally,

and to showcase their enduring legacies.

The planning committee representing varied state racing interests determined MTHOF eligibility for flat runners and steeplechasers retired from racing at least five years.

A celebration to recognize this year's class of inductees will take place this spring. 🐾

Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Concern dies



Lydia A. Williams

Concern, the first Maryland-bred to win the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and one of the most exciting state-bred runners in history, died in late March in Oklahoma. He was 24.

Concern had moved to the state in 2004, standing at stud at the Oklahoma Equine Reproductive Center until pensioned in 2011. It was reported that he was buried at the Washington, Okla., farm.

Bred by Robert E. Meyerhoff and a son of Meyerhoff's Maryland-bred great Broad Brush, Concern made a career of heart-stopping rallies that got him home first in seven of his 30 starts, topped by the \$3 million Breeders' Cup Classic.

He also won the Grade 2 Arkansas Derby at 3, and the Grade 1 Californian Stakes and New Orleans Handicap-G2 at 4. His stretch run when second to that year's

Horse of the Year Holy Bull in the 1994 Grade 1 Travers was one of the most thrilling battles in the long race's history.

Concern was named 1994 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year after earning a state-bred record \$2.5 million that season. In early 1995, he ranked as the richest Maryland-bred runner in history. He retired later that year having amassed \$3,079,350, placing him second on the lifetime earnings list behind that year's Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Cigar. Concern was inducted into the Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame in 2014.

The dark bay stallion entered stud in his home state at Northview Stallion Station in 1996 where he sired 10 stakes winners, most notably two-time Eclipse Award-winning steeplechaser and millionaire Good Night Shirt. 🐾



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAP



Jim McCue

Eddy Gourmet



Conniver Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 7 furlongs, registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, March 21. B.m., 2010, by Eddington—Mz. Ann, by Citidancer. Bred by Michael P. Cataneo; owned by Toby Roth; trained by Hugh I. McMahon. Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
24	5 (1)	6	3	\$244,110 (through March 21)

2015: 1st \$100,000 **Conniver S**, 7 furlongs, registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, March 21.

Making her stakes debut in the 24th start of her career, 5-year-old Eddy Gourmet demolished the field in the Conniver Stakes for Maryland-bred fillies and mares over a muddy Laurel Park strip March 21. The stakes worth \$75,000, with an additional \$25,000 for Maryland-sired runners, attracted a field of seven. Sent off as the 3.60-1 fourth choice, the

flashy bay daughter of Eddington owned by Toby Roth and trained by Hugh McMahon was prominent early, took command after a half mile and galloped home a 7¼-length winner going 7 furlongs.

Bred by Michael P. Cataneo out of his multiple stakes winner Mz. Ann (by Citidancer), Eddy Gourmet is a full sister to steeplechaser Dr. Skip, third place finisher in last year's William Entenmann Memorial Hurdle at Belmont Park.

Initially sold for \$20,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October sale, Eddy Gourmet was purchased by Roth for \$40,000 as a racing/broodmare prospect at the 2013 Keeneland November sale, her record at the time showing one win in 10 starts. In her 14 outings since, the mare has four wins and earnings in excess of \$176,000. 🐾



Davison follows family history into racing, keeps eyes on bright future

By Sandra McKee

Editor's Note: This is part of a periodic series of profiles on Maryland Horse Breeders Association directors, their backgrounds in racing and the state of the industry.

Ask Maryland Horse Breeders Association secretary/treasurer John Davison where he wants to see Thoroughbred racing go over the next decade and be prepared for a long answer, decades in the making.

Davison was tantalized by the sport even before attending his first Preakness with grandfather Ben Cohen, who with his brother Herman owned Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park and Bowie Race-track and Training Center from 1952-86, in 1973. That's right, Davison's first Preakness trip was Secretariat's history-making win.

Davison was betting quarters at age 5, had a track nurse running bets for him at 10 and claimed his first horse, Ineluctability, at 26. Despite not liking to ride and having severe allergies to horses, he worked as a trainer for 3½ years and won six of 44 races. Today, he has part ownership in six horses, two racing and four unraced 2-year-olds.

"I'm passionate about the sport," Davison said. "The sport has a very rich tradition and I tend to be more of a traditionalist. I give a lot of reverence to the past and history and the people and things that have happened. It also happens to be the most exciting sport there is where the animals are actually running."

Davison believes the industry has 10 years "to build on what we have" thanks to its 10-Year Agreement, a plan designed to rebuild Maryland racing. And he has a long "to-do" list he believes the sport's

leaders must accomplish in that time to get Maryland racing and breeding back where he believes it belongs—at or near the top of the industry. He also believes a little ingenuity will help.

Sitting in a conference room that used to be his grandfather's office, with a classic painting of Ben Cohen in a three-piece suit, smoking a large cigar and looking not unlike Winston Churchill hanging behind him, Davison made a list of things he would like to see in place by 2025:

■ A new, modernized racing facility, preferably in Baltimore.

"The Stronach Group [owners of Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park and the Bowie Training Center] is getting it together," Davison said. "They're going to pick one of the tracks to improve. I'm guessing it will be Pimlico. Pimlico has the history, the infield—with no pond and no swamp.

"But there has to be a certain aesthetic. Pimlico doesn't have it [now]. Laurel has never had it. It has to relate to the physical plant itself. [It has many needs including] a nicer paddock where people can go to look at the horses. They've got to figure out how to make the Preakness go from a \$5 million event to \$10 million."

■ An expanded base for Thoroughbred breeding, for commercial purposes and for people racing their own horses; a couple of solid, \$10,000 to \$15,000 stallions breeding in Maryland; and expansion of the Maryland Million.

"That all comes from the business of the tracks," he said. "I mean, attracting new people to racing at the race-tracks, broadening the center base, increasing the handle to increase purses, which makes breeding more attractive through incentive programs. It would also be really helpful to get a stallion to replace Not For Love [the recently pensioned Maryland-based stallion who has been the most successful producer outside of Kentucky for more than a decade]."

■ An improved track experience for fans.

"I'm a big proponent for night racing in an urban city—at Pimlico," Davison said. "People have to eat dinner somewhere. With decent food, I think with the well-heeled, 20-to-50-something crowd it would be a big hit. For younger people, the Friday Happy Hour thing; they draw 30,000 people at Churchill Downs for Friday Night Lights. Do it maybe six times a year on a Friday or Saturday night.

"I know it would be very inconvenient for the horsemen, but night racing a couple nights a week in Baltimore City, with a lot of ads behind it, would be really good."

Davison also pointed out that Baltimore has a lot of universities and that the horse breeders have met with Maryland Jockey Club vice president and general manager Sal Sinatra to suggest doing some events with students, in an effort toward building the fan base.

"Music festivals, different entertainments," he said. "If we do some of these things at night when people aren't working it would make sense. The other thing, you have to promote it and make it accessible to as many people as you can—and make it appealing."

The bottom line, he said, "You've got to improve your everyday product and fan experience so people want to come out and enjoy it."

Davison, 51, is the chief investment officer of the Mount Royal Management Co., a business founded by his family that specializes in illiquid real estate and financial asset investment.

Looking around the conference room at the portraits of family-owned Thoroughbreds and a trophy case filled with victory plates and vases, he smiled and said, "It's incongruous with the business I'm in. We have developed farms. But that was my father's passion, not mine.

"I'm extremely passionate about horses generally, both breeding and racing and the future of the industry," Davison said. "Just the awesome aesthetics of it. It's in my blood in every sense. I don't breed horses and never have bred a horse, though I managed my parents' horses and made the breeding selections for them."

He said the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's board might actually be a better fit for him, but it was the breeders who asked him to participate.

"I think they were looking for someone with a financial background," he said. "I have a degree in accounting and numbers [from Georgetown University], so it makes sense. But there is a guy on the breeders and horsemen's boards—Larry Johnson. He's brilliant with numbers and accounting. He'd be better at this, but he's really busy with his own horses, breeding and racing."

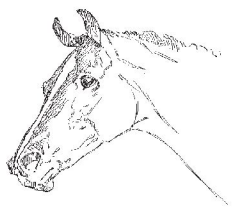
As a board member, Davison said he is interested in how the financials are presented and he and his fellow board members have discussed "streamlining the reporting" of the information to make it more understandable, "a little more user-friendly," he said. "To me the numbers show a clear picture and tell a clear story, but it isn't that way for everyone."

He also believes it is important to keep the industry's influence strong in Annapolis.

"We're looking to come up with a mechanism to raise more political action funds, a PAC, to stay in the forefront of legislators' minds. In every other state and Canada, money has been taken from the horse racing industry that was promised. It's important we try to keep it from happening

in Maryland while we have a 10-year deal.

"We have a chance to grow something here," he said. "We can be impactful. We can have the agreement be impactful to the industry. 'We grow horses' is our tag line, so we better start growing horses."



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

Foals Wanted

Send in your foal reports and photographs of your 2015 foals, and we will post them on the Maryland Horse Breeders Association website as well as The Maryland Horse newsletter.

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MarylandThoroughbred.com/foalreport*



Great Notion colt out of Onemoretimeagain is a grandson of graded stakes winner G. O'Keefe.



Curlin—Formalities Aside colt is a half-brother to Maryland-bred champion **Awesome Flower**.



To the cover of **Great Notion**, Explosive Prospect has produced stakes winner **It's a Bang**, stakes-placed **Mass Destruction** and this colt bred by **Country Roads Ltd.**

ACTSLIKEALADY, by Lord Carson, b.c., March 14, by Over-analyze. Thornmar. Mare to Bandbox.

ADVANCE GLORY, by Honour and Glory, b.f., March 25, by Baltimore Bob. Robert Gerczak. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

ALYTANIA, by Mutakddim, b.f., April 5, by Friesan Fire. Smith Farm and Stable.

BABY LOVE, by Not For Love, b.c., March 31, by Freedom Child. Country Life Farm.

BALLADE'S JOY, by Devil His Due, b.f., April 7, by Orientate. Rose Burns McDade and Lawrence G. McDade. Mare to Cal Nation.

BAYONNE, by Dance With Ravens, b.f., March 17, by Oxbow. Thornmar. Mare to Shakin It Up.

BOMBSHELL BABE, by Domestic Dispute, ch.f., March 19, by E Dubai. Joe M. Thomson. Mare to Smarty Jones.

COQUETTISH, by Not For Love, b.f., March 10, by Outflanker. Double Deez Stables.

DANCINGINTHECITY, by City Zip, b.f., March 6, by Stroll. Barak Farm.

DEBORAH'S MOMENT, by Lemon Drop Kid, b.c., April 2, by Shanghai Bobby. Thornmar. Mare to Tapizar.

ELECTRIC VENUS, by Flatter, b.c., March 27, by Maclean's Music. Barak Farm.

FALCON'S EYE, by Mutakddim, b.f., March 30, by Outflanker. Little Man Farm.

FANNIE MAEHM, by Strong Hope, b.f., March 19, by Free-

dom Child. Country Life Farm, Thomas and Caroline Finacchio.

FINAL HUMOR, by Distorted Humor, ch.c., March 12, by Freedom Child. John D. Stuart.

GOLDIE POPS, by Strike the Gold, b.f., April 4, by Oxbow. S. Bruce Smart Jr. Mare to Super Ninety Nine.

HAPPY REFRAIN, by Not For Love, b.c., March 17, by Any Given Saturday. Sallyellen and Hugh Hurst. Mare to El Padrino.

HERD A TURTLES, by Disco Rico, dk.b./br.c., April 1, by Maybry's Boy. Dave Hill.

HIDDEN JOY, by Kitten's Joy, b.f., April 9, by Cal Nation. Diane Barrett. Mare to Cal Nation.

INCANTARE, by Lion Hearted, b.f., March 21, by Bullsbay. Tim Shaw. Mare to Super Ninety Nine.

JAZEMA'S GINGER, by Go for Gin, dk.b./br.c., March 25, by Outflanker. Alberts Racing LLC.

MARTINI, by Yes It's True, b.c., March 29, by Maclean's Music. Barak Farm. Mare to Super Ninety Nine.

MARZES, by Powerscourt (GB), b.c., April 2, by Rock Slide. James B. Steele. Mare to Admiral Alex.

MINICONJON, by Devil His Due, b.f., March 25, by Courageous Cat. Richard Scelfo and Eagle View Farm LLC. Mare to Super Ninety Nine.

MINNESOTA MAFIA, by Yonagaska, b.f., March 29, by Freedom Child. Country Life

Farm. Mare to Super Ninety Nine.

MISS SANTA ANITA, by Ide, ch.c., March 27, by Nicanor. Shamrock Farm.

MOON CITY, by Century City (Ire), ch.f., March 28, by Simard. Dave Hill.

MY LITTLE JOSIE, by Outflanker, b.c., March 19, by Street Magician. David DiPietro. Mare to Seville (Ger).

NEYTIRI, by Trajectory, ch.f., April 9, by Spring At Last. William B. Thompson Jr. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

PHANTOM STORM, by On Target, ch.c., March 30, by Etched. Clayton and Pat Beck.

PINK SAND, by Sky Mesa, b.f., March 16, by Langfuhr. Patricia L. Ramey.

SHADOWOFYOURWINGS, by Diamond, b.f., March 13, by Outflanker. Jennifer Lunceford.

SHENANDOAH MOON, by Malibu Moon, ch.f., March 22, by Line of David. Country Life Farm and Jones Racing Stables LLC.

SPLATNDACAT, by Repent, b.c., March 30, by Nicanor. Ste-

phens Thoroughbreds. Mare to Nicanor.

STEVIE GOES VEGAS, by Stevie Wonderboy, dk.b./br.f., March 16, by Baltimore Bob. Robert Gerczak. Mare to Baltimore Bob.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, by Trippi, b.f., April 2, by Friesan Fire. Hope Hill Farm and Thomas McGreevy.

TACONIC VICTORY, by Eddington, b.f., April 11, by Wilburn. Spendthrift Farm LLC. Mare to Super Ninety Nine.

TANGERINE MIMOSA, by Hansel, b.f., April 10, by Cal Nation. Helen H. Masek.

TIZLING, by Tiznow, b.f., February 25, by Freedom Child. Diane Krasznay. Mare to Smarty Jones.

WHISPERJET, by Unbridled Jet, b.c., April 1, by Freedom Child. James Edwin Bryant and Linda Page Davis. Mare to Freedom Child.

WILLI'S SWEET GIRL, by Williamstown, ch.f., March 23, by Showing Up. Quantum Racing Inc. Mare to Seville (Ger).



Filly out of stakes-placed Phyxus is from the first crop of Hunters Bay.



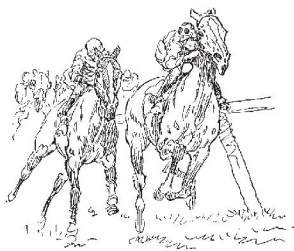
Lydia A. Williams (2)

Not For Love's daughter Not Real Chilly with her colt by El Padrino.



Christie Steele

First foal out of Shadowofyourwings, a filly by Outflanker born at Shamrock Farm, at four hours old.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
February 16 to March 15, 2015.

Breeder bonuses

Includes the additional Maryland-sired bonus, initiated in the 2014 Timonium meet. That bonus is reflected in the second figure earned for the race. Owner bonuses are now paid out as part of the purse.

William M. Backer Revocable Trust—LITTLE LOVE: March 15, 4th race, \$6,840/\$2,280. (\$9,120)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—JACK'S IN THE DECK: March 15, 8th race, \$8,550/\$2,850. (\$11,400)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—TAKE DOWN TWO: Feb 28, 3rd race, \$1,134/\$378; March 15, 2nd race, \$1,134/\$378. (\$3,024)

Classic Thoroughbred XII—STOLEN LOVE: March 15, 6th race, \$1,485/\$495. (\$1,980)

Dark Hollow Farm—COMBAT DIVER: Feb 16, 8th race, \$6,000.

Marilyn Doetsch, George Doetsch and Lou Moga—FAIRBANKS KISS: March 14, 1st race, \$528.

Kevin Dove Jr.—HENRYS WAY: March 14, 7th race, \$528.

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—CHARM CITY: March 12, 8th race, \$1,485.

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—SPUNKY CAT: March 13, 5th race, \$945/\$315. (\$1,260)

Mrs. Janon Fisher III—STOCK QUOTE: March 15, 9th race, \$2,565/\$855. (\$3,420)

Fitzhugh LLC—PERILOUS INDIAN: March 14, 6th race, \$2,961.

Cornelia S. Gibson—CHESAPEAKE SPRING: Feb 28, 6th race, \$693/\$231. (\$924)

Michael J. Harrison DVM—GIN FUZZ: March 14, 4th race, \$2,520.

Estate of William R. Harris—BETTER WAY: March 14, 1st race, \$1,008/\$336. SPECIAL RUSH: Feb 16, 1st race, \$891/\$297. (\$2,532)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vogel—MIDDLE JEWEL: March 12, 5th race, \$1,323.

Carol Woehrle and Larry, Michael and Debbie Horning—START SWINGING: Feb 16, 2nd race, \$2,565; March 14, 3rd race, \$945. (\$3,510)

Carol A. Kaye—BAZINGA B: March 15, 3rd race, \$3,933/\$1,311. (\$5,244)

Carol A. Kaye and Robert Gerczak—PEPPER-MINT PRINCE: Feb 16, 4th race, \$2,565.

Angelika Hala Kerr and Sean Kerr—MACK THE KNIFE: March 14, 4th race, \$1,320.

Robert T. Mantuso—FOREIGN REVIEW: March 14, 5th race, \$693.

Robert T. Mantuso and Katharine M. Voss—DISTILLER: Feb 28, 1st race, \$945.

J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—IMNAHA: March 13, 1st race, \$891/\$297. (\$1,188)

Frank McEntee—WHYPROLONGTHEAGONY: March 12, 2nd race, \$759/\$253. (\$1,012)

Atthol W. Morgan LLC—DR BOLT: Feb 21, 1st race, \$3,762/\$1,254. (\$5,016)

Wayne and Juanita Morris—REGAL WARRIOR: March 12, 3rd race, \$1,323/\$441. (\$1,764)

Audrey Murray—SCIP'S SONATA: Feb 28, 8th race, \$5,130/\$1,710. WHISKEY SOUR: Feb 16, 5th race, \$1,890/\$630. (\$9,360)

Stephen E. Quick and WynOaks Farm LLC—BRENDA'S WAY: March 13, 9th race, \$7,695.

Estate of A. Brice Ridgely—MAGICIAN'S BULLET: Feb 28, 7th race, \$1,701/\$567. (\$2,268)

Roland Farm, Timothy Keefe and Rumsey Keefe—PONY ROMO: Feb 28, 6th race, \$3,591/\$1,197; March 15, 5th race, \$759/\$253. (\$5,800)

Shamrock Farm—ROCK ME GENTLY: Feb 28, 7th race, \$891/\$297; March 14, 8th race, \$1,089/\$363. (\$2,640)

Summer Wind Bloodstock and Larry Horning—IM MR. BLUE: Feb 16, 5th race, \$5,130/\$1,710. (\$6,840)

Sycamore Hall Farm LLC—HERESHECOME-SAGAIN: Feb 28, 6th race, \$1,323; March 15, 5th race, \$1,449. (\$2,772)

Thornmar Farm LLC—PRET SAY EYE: March 13, 8th race, \$2,520. SALSALITO: March 14, 2nd race, \$1,134/\$378. (\$4,032)

Susan H. Wantz—SILVER BOP: Feb 28, 2nd race, \$1,449.

Robert M. Watkins—MADBOBANDSHAN: Feb 28, 7th race, \$4,617/\$1,539. (\$6,156)

Leslie Elizabeth Wilson—TOBY WHO: Feb 28, 5th race, \$2,394.

Mrs. Orme Wilson Jr.—LE DELUGE: March 12, 9th race, \$2,565/\$855. (\$3,420)

Stallion bonuses

BULLSBAY (Chesapeake Spring: Feb 28, 6th race, \$231): Bulls Bay Syndicate.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Dr Bolt: Feb 21, 1st race, \$1,254): ZWP Stable.

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Salsalito: March 14, 2nd race, \$378): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.

FANTASTICAT (Spunky Cat: March 13, 5th race, \$315): Fantastical Syndicate.

LION HEARTED (Bazinga B: March 15, 3rd race, \$1,311. Imnaha: March 13, 1st race, \$297.

Pony Romo: Feb 28, 6th race, \$1,197; March 15, 5th race, \$253): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$3,058.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Better Way: March 14, 1st race, \$336. Le Deluge: March 12, 9th race, \$855.

Madbobandshan: Feb 28, 7th race, \$1,539. Regal Warrior: March 12, 3rd race, \$441): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$3,171.

LOVE OF MONEY (Jack's in the Deck: March 15, 8th race, \$2,850. Stock Quote: March 15, 9th race, \$855): Love of Money Syndicate—\$3,705.

NOT FOR LOVE (I'm Mr. Blue: Feb 16, 5th race, \$1,710. Little Love: March 15, 4th race, \$2,280.

Stolen Love: March 15, 6th race, \$495. Take Down Two: Feb 28, 3rd race, \$378; March 15, 2nd race, \$378.

Whyprolongtheagony: March 12, 2nd race, \$253): Not For Love Syndicate—\$5,494.

ROCK SLIDE (Rock Me Gently: Feb 28, 7th race, \$297; March 14, 8th race, \$363): Shamrock Farms—\$660.

RUSH BAY (Special Rush: Feb 16, 1st race, \$297): Rush Bay Partnership.

SCIPION (Scip's Sonata: Feb 28, 8th race, \$1,710. Whiskey Sour: Feb 16, 5th race, \$630): Scipion Syndicate—\$2,340.

STREET MAGICIAN (Magician's Bullet: Feb 28, 7th race, \$567): R. Larry Johnson.

Oh Danny Boy

By Josh Pons

You want a photo of horses for your Sunday paper? Hop in the pickup. I know just the shot.

A new decade is dawning—the 1950s. The war has been over for five years. Danny Shea's livelihood, horse racing, has returned more popular than ever, crowds packing clubhouses all up and down the East Coast. Atlantic City. Rockingham. Monmouth. Pimlico. Havre de Grace. Danny is a trainer-turned-farmer, raising his own horses for his own racing stable. His life depends on how well he does this, all on his own limited means. His wife Betty, his children, depend on his success.

The war has changed Danny.

He has not lost his Irish charm, but there is newfound gravity in his work. He feels a great appreciation of each moment, like a shot could ring out and it would all be over. A sudden attack. An ambush. That feeling has become embedded in his mind. He sometimes thinks he can see things before they happen, his wits sharpened by the gamble of raising horses.

There were times when he didn't think he'd make it back to the farm he had bought in 1939, when his pal Humphrey Finney had urged him: "Danny, the Elder place would be perfect for you. Good barns. Big fields. Streams throughout. Old Man Elder's wife died. He can't bear to live there alone. He drops payroll off once a week, and drives back out."

The ink hardly dry on the mortgage papers before Europe erupts in flames and bombs fall on Pearl Harbor, Danny put his dreams on hold.



William Klender

Racing shuts down. No tires for trailers to run the roads. No gas for vans. Everything rationed. On D-Day, the *Daily Racing Form* reports every major track is closed, so families can pray for their loved ones at this moment of decision.

The war gives Danny time to plan:

I'll stand stallions in the steep-roofed, two-stall barn that reminds me of those famous French stud boxes, my horse-weather-vane spinning in spring winds. I'll sprint to the foaling barn on nights when Betty summons me for help.

I'll raise my foals into yearlings, my way, packs of young horses in hilly fields, in spacious loafing sheds, slatted wooden hay racks angled out from back walls, free choice roughage, always something in their stomachs, feed poured into flat troughs of boards, choice hay falling onto the feed, nothing wasted, every quart of grain putting the pounds on pushy yearlings who will learn to

come at my whistle, like hounds to the huntsman's horn.

He's five years into his dream—no time at all in horse-farm time—and it's all coming true on the morning reporter Joe Kelly arrives with *The Baltimore Sun* photographer. They drive up the rocky road to the vast back field. The ground is warmer than the air, and fog lays over the hillside. Danny walks the two men to a low spot. They stand and look back up the hill into the gray fog, like soldiers listening for troop movements, but the only sound they hear is the stream behind them, dropping from its springhead, building speed as it hurries down to the bottomland below. Danny thinks: Such a blessing for a farm, this free-flowing water, just as Finney promised.

Joe Kelly is a city boy. The toes of his shoes are wet from the dew and he can feel the cold in his feet but his mind is busy making memories of this moment. Fifty, sixty years from now, he will tell the story

at his famous St. Patrick's Day parties in town, like it happened just yesterday.

"Danny whistles," Joe will say. "All is silent. Then out of the fog we hear the sounds of horses running, but we can't see them. Louder and louder they come. It's like thunder from clouds. Danny points to a spot on the hill, and tells the photographer: 'Get ready to shoot.' And at that moment, twenty yearlings burst through the fog, racing down the hill in a tight pack. We stand back and they blow past us and disappear back into the fog. I will never forget it."

The photo appears on the front page of *The Baltimore Sun*. A few weeks later, it is picked up for the cover of *The Blood-Horse* magazine. Danny dies of a heart attack in 1960. His great sense of the moment lives on in every person who works with horses, how quickly things happen, how keenly a sense of anticipation is required, how spectacular are the moments.

Fearless Foaling

Students, faculty excel under pressure
to help save newborn horse

By Sara Gavin

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At tense scenario inside the horse barn on the University of Maryland's Campus Farm required quick thinking and heroic actions by a group of students and faculty in the equine studies program to help save one of the newest members of the Terrapin family.

At 7 a.m. on Monday, March 30, Amazin—a pregnant Thoroughbred mare—gave birth to a dark brown filly. Thirteen students enrolled in this semester's equine reproduction course had been camped out all night long inside the animal science building on "foal watch" watching a live video feed of the mare in the stall as they awaited the little one's arrival. When she laid down and went into labor, they raced over to the barn to attend the foaling if help was needed. Shortly after the birth, it became apparent something wasn't quite right.

"You could tell she was struggling to breathe," says junior animal science major Allison Pedro. "It was frightening because none of us really knew what was wrong."

Students and faculty sprung to the filly's aid. After the horse began to have seizures, a group of students held her legs still so that she wouldn't injure herself. Quick thinking led to a call to Dr. Douglas Powell, the university's on-campus veterinarian. He brought oxygen down to the horse barn and aided the students in rigging up an oxygen mask to hold over the newborn's face.

"The students were awesome. They didn't sit there crying or shaking their heads or frozen. They pitched in and

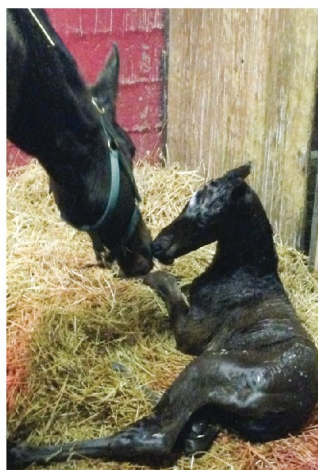
just were amazing," says Charlie Apter, PhD, who serves as the instructor for the equine reproduction class.

With the help of an equine veterinarian who quickly arrived on the scene, students and faculty were able to stabilize the filly so she could be transported to the intensive care unit at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine's Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Va.—an hour and 10-minute drive from the College Park campus. Students wrapped the filly in blankets and physically carried her to the back seat of a pickup truck, where she rode with her head in student Bret Bucci's lap.

"The students were all really mature and showed they could handle everything. There was also a lot of creativity, especially making sure the truck was safe for the filly to ride in the back," says PhD student Aubrey Lowery, who drove the truck to the equine center in Leesburg. Amy Burk, PhD, Director of the Equine Studies Program, followed with the filly's mother in the horse trailer.

"We really weren't sure at that point if the filly was going to pull through," says Burk.

When they arrived at the hospital, the foal was placed on a padded mattress in a stall and the mare was rejoined with her foal. Since then, Burk says the little horse has received expert care from the veterinarians at the equine center and has continued to improve and gain strength each day.



Left to right (top to bottom): Amazin with her newborn filly just moments after birth; Dr. Douglas Powell, students and faculty work to stabilize the filly; Bret Bucci holds foal in his arms for the ride to the veterinary hospital; the following day another foal was born with the help of students.



"A student reminded me that the filly shares the same birthday as Secretariat (March 30th) and I've come to believe that she shares his willpower as well," says Burk.

Burk and Apter say the filly was afflicted with a rare condition called neonatal maladjustment syndrome—an uncommon complication that can't be diagnosed before birth.

"I'm guessing that in my career I have foaled out somewhere around 125 foals but this is the first time I've encountered this problem," says Apter.

"I would never plan to have this kind of birth but the fact that the students all had the opportunity to be involved with that is really a unique learning experience."

While the filly is expected to recover fully, Burk says the cost of her care will likely exceed \$6,000—money the equine studies program does not have in its budget and the department is seeking donations to help cover the veterinary bills.

Most of the students in the equine reproduction course hadn't experienced live foaling before the filly's tumultuous arrival but almost exactly 24 hours later, a mare named Daylight Lassie gave birth to a healthy bay colt in the very next stall. The same students were on-hand to welcome him into the world and, this time, prepared to deal with any complications that might arise. Fortunately, this birth proved uneventful by contrast and the colt can now be found happily frolicking in the paddocks at the Campus Farm. Once strong enough, the filly is expected to join her playmate on campus, where students will continue to care for her as they have since the moment she arrived.

"Looking back at it, it feels like a blur because everything happened so fast," says Marleigh Smith, a junior animal science major planning to attend veterinary school. "Obviously everything that happened wasn't good but it ended up being a great experience and I was glad I was there."

Amy Burk (2)

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Edwin Remsberg

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Maryland's leading sires

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for stallions with at least one starter in 2015.

Earnings in 2015

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	54	126	15	18	\$553,613
Lion Hearted.	48	117	13	17	383,021
Orientate	59	148	15	17	371,171
Great Notion.	26	60	7	7	261,383
Giacomo	48	131	13	14	249,335
Louis Quatorze.	29	73	11	14	211,864
Outflanker.	26	60	7	9	203,877
Two Punch	22	61	5	5	198,683
Scipion	25	62	9	10	192,712
Street Magician.	12	29	3	3	171,811
Petionville	36	83	8	10	152,464
Gators N Bears	17	34	7	7	149,930
Dance With Ravens . .	38	78	8	9	133,928
Rock Slide	19	44	2	2	129,709
Cherokee's Boy.	17	43	5	5	102,691
Go for Gin	7	18	2	3	98,571
M Eighty	3	14	2	3	87,737

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	752	16,300	603	2,471	\$68,735,443
Two Punch	933	17,730	717	2,624	53,990,658
Orientate	596	11,277	457	1,675	40,619,483
Petionville	585	12,568	467	1,730	40,561,526
Louis Quatorze.	737	13,603	545	1,814	34,278,099
Waquoit	484	11,408	368	1,519	26,884,080
Outflanker.	392	8,367	295	1,213	26,312,338
Lion Hearted.	459	8,017	342	1,126	25,174,140
Go for Gin	319	5,920	210	706	18,469,939
Dance With Ravens . .	240	4,231	167	504	12,576,574
Great Notion.	125	1,780	99	299	8,803,990
Giacomo	197	3,180	129	397	8,775,762
Rock Slide	190	2,931	125	325	8,454,620
Mojave Moon	153	3,047	106	333	5,833,844
Seeking Daylight . . .	156	2,471	122	328	5,258,213
Gators N Bears	120	1,586	68	197	5,131,018
Scipion	74	1,181	47	157	3,462,316
Cherokee's Boy.	51	871	32	95	2,664,717
Purple Passion	43	867	27	78	1,530,508
Showing Up	61	588	34	72	1,500,329
Greek Sun	25	355	17	36	1,013,724

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	340	1,076	130	176	\$6,450,665
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	335	1,047	126	167	4,709,423
Petionville	349	1,093	114	141	4,474,912
Louis Quatorze.	326	1,006	101	127	3,383,523
Outflanker.	210	860	89	120	3,233,073
Lion Hearted.	211	689	80	110	2,999,623
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Giacomo	111	412	34	55	1,497,703
Dance With Ravens . .	125	447	34	42	1,286,390
Great Notion.	45	133	19	29	1,008,136
Go for Gin	162	528	32	39	982,754
Rock Slide	82	266	19	30	949,197
Scipion	40	175	21	27	800,523
Mojave Moon	84	326	25	30	666,532
Cherokee's Boy.	19	77	8	13	573,930
Gators N Bears	51	176	18	21	514,349
Seeking Daylight . . .	57	160	21	21	453,029
Showing Up	30	105	9	12	343,648
Street Magician.	15	54	5	6	288,567

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Geeky Gorgeous begins next chapter

Daniel J. Lopez has announced that 2013 New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year Geeky Gorgeous, who was retired late last year, has been confirmed in foal to his New Jersey stallion Hey Chub on a Feb. 27 cover.

A daughter of Devil His Due out of the Pure Prize mare Thatholeinmypocket, Geeky Gorgeous won 11 of 23 starts, including six stakes races, and earned \$525,644. Four of her stakes wins came at Monmouth Park, where she took back-to-back runnings of the Regret Stakes in 2013 and 2014, the 2013 New Jersey Breeders' Handicap against colts and 2014 Eleven North Handicap. Her other two stakes scores came in the Cornucopia Stakes at Parx, and last year's Pink Ribbon Stakes at Charles Town, the final win of her career.

Hey Chub, a multiple stakes winner of \$441,755, finished 2014 as New Jersey's third-leading sire



despite only having 10 starters. Nine were winners. His overall progeny earnings of \$458,710 placed him 53rd on the national third-crop sire list.

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ERM Government Affairs hired by TBANJ

The TBANJ has hired ERM Government Affairs to promote and aid in securing passage of legislation which supports the New Jersey-bred Program.

ERM Government Affairs, which is headed by Ed McGlynn, was selected by the TBANJ's legislative committee and was unanimously approved by the TBANJ Board of Trustees Feb. 27. Ed McGlynn has over four decades of diverse and esteemed background in law, politics and public service. In 1982, McGlynn became Special Assistant Deputy Attorney General to then Attorney General Irwin I. Kimmelman and shortly thereafter became Executive Assistant Deputy Attorney General to Kimmelman. As a result of his interaction between the Governor's office and the legislature, 15 months later he was named Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Thomas H. Kean. In December 1985, Ed McGlynn was named Chief of Staff to Governor Kean.

In 1995, McGlynn formed ERM Government Affairs Inc., working in tandem with The Alman Group, and specializing in traditional lobbying and government affairs along with a significant amount of business development for many clients. In 2005, ERM Government Affairs became a private firm, where Ed McGlynn serves as the Registered Government Affairs Agent for a host of companies and organizations.

"The TBA is fortunate to have ERM Government Affairs representing our legislative affairs in Trenton," said TBANJ executive director Mike Campbell. "Ed is a veteran of the State House and is well respected by the key decision makers in Trenton. Ed's knowledge of the Thoroughbred industry gained during his 14-year tenure as a member of the New Jersey Racing Commission will be a benefit to the association."

Monmouth Park to partner with Fantasy Sports Network

Monmouth Park has announced the formation of a marketing partnership with Fantasy Sports Network (FNTSY), which will assist in the launch of a paid Monmouth Park Daily Fantasy Game, featuring professional sporting events, in the coming months. FNTSY Sports Network, owned by Anthem Media Group Inc., is the content leader in the field of fantasy sports, and will work closely with Monmouth Park to select a website game vendor to help develop and operate all new games.

“Fantasy Sports Network is a tremendous partner as Monmouth Park looks to strengthen its gaming and entertainment presence in New Jersey and across the national market,” said Bill Knauf, VP of Business Operations at Monmouth Park. “Aspects of the partnership include brand cross-promotion, and development of an on-site presence at the track, including a Fantasy Sports Weekend prior to the start of the 2015 football season.”

Plans called for Monmouth’s first fantasy game to launch before Opening Day of the 2015 baseball season.

“We are excited to play such an important role in the pioneering process of bringing fantasy sports to such an historic New Jersey destination,” said Louis M. Maione, Chief Strategy Officer of Anthem Media Group Inc. and its FNTSY Sports Network. “Already on the cutting edge of Thoroughbred racing, Monmouth Park is now expanding into one of the most exciting areas of sports entertainment and interactivity, one that is experiencing continued exponential growth. Adding our fantasy expertise and distribution will allow Monmouth Park to take-off with this endeavor, catering to fantasy enthusiasts in both local and remote locations.”

The new Monmouth Park Fantasy Game will be the latest addition to the track’s online gaming portfolio, which already includes the free, season-long racing game Survival at the Shore, as well as the free, one-day Haskell game. Both games attracted over 6,500 participants in 2014.

Rutgers launches new fostering program for rescue horses

Creating a sustainable equine teaching program on a suburban university’s campus requires considerable ingenuity since keeping a horse on campus is very expensive. Maintaining a herd dedicated for teaching and outreach can easily cause a budget to go in “the red.” However, the Department of Animal Sciences on the Rutgers Cook Campus came up with a creative solution, which involves “fostering” horses from equine rescue/placement programs and seeking sponsors to help pay for their per-diem costs. Some of the fostered horses will be available for adoption after the Ag Field Day Horse Show on Rutgers Day in late April, leaving a core herd of four horses for teaching and outreach throughout the year.

This new and exciting addition to the department’s Equine Teaching program is called the Rutgers University Teaching Herd (RUTH): Fostering Horses for Teaching and Extension. The eight horses in RUTH will allow faculty to expand students’ hands-on learning experiences and service in outreach. The horses will be dedicated solely to outreach endeavors, such as clinics and treadmill demonstrations, and teaching activities in didactic

(classroom-based) courses like Horse Management and Comparative Anatomy and experience-based classes including Horse Practicum and Animal Handling, Fitting and Exhibition. In the latter course, students learn how to groom and train horses for in-hand exhibition on Ag Field Day.

Of the eight horses in this herd during the Spring 2015 semester, five are “fosters” from equine rescue/placement programs in New Jersey, namely the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, Arabian Rescue Mission, and Second Call for Thoroughbreds. The other three horses, two aged Standardbred mares and a Mustang gelding, will be part of a permanent herd of four that will stay here year-round. The fourth member of the permanent herd will be identified from the five fosters or a new horse from a rescue/placement program, if all five fosters find homes on Ag Field Day.

The Rutgers Equine Science faculty is truly excited about this new “win-win-win” program, where their students’ learning experience will be greatly enhanced, the rescues/placement organizations will get greater exposure, and the horses will hopefully find new, forever homes.

Rutgers Equine Science Center unveils website redesign

After 14 years of providing the public with information on “all things horses,” the Rutgers Equine Science Center (ESC) has had a major facelift, launching its redesigned website to offer greater interactivity, new search functionality, plus a streamlined “Ask The Expert” section.

“With this facelift and integration, the center will provide the public with a website that is not only friendly to use, but one which will remain unparalleled in providing science-based information to equine enthusiasts around the world,” says Karyn Malinowski, director of the ESC.

The popular “Lord Nelson’s Blog,” whose four-legged author recently received the “Horse Personality of the Year Award,” will migrate from its current site to anchor a special “Kid’s Corner” on the center’s new website. “Kid’s Corner” will also feature the “Equine Science 4 Kids” education portal as well as link to the 4-H Horse Program in New Jersey.

“‘Kid’s Corner’ will give kids and teens a place where they can learn about horses, the science behind the center and how they can get involved in the statewide 4-H Horse Program,” says Malinowski.

The new search functionality will allow users to search not only the site, but the PDF publications

and brochures. Specific sections, such as the blog and “Ask The Expert,” will have siloed search options “so that users will be able to search those sections, only getting search results that are pertinent to their topic of interest,” adds Malinowski.

The “Ask The Expert” section will now allow users to ask horse-related questions directly on the page, says Malinowski. Questions will now require users to enter their location, which will in turn populate a real-time map displaying the locations from where the question originated. Currently populated with the locations from previous questions, the map shows that over 2,000 questions have been posted from all 50 states in the U.S., 28 different countries and all six continents.

A live social media feed, comment section and constantly updated library are just some of the dynamic sections on the redesigned site. Malinowski “is confident that the center’s new website exemplifies its commitment to “Better Horse Care through Research and Education” by providing the horse community with access to “our science-based research and education programs.”

The site’s redesign and overhaul was performed by Nicklefish of Mendham, N.J.

2015 New Jersey-bred Stakes Schedule

Saturday, May 30	John J. Reilly Handicap	\$60,000	3 & up	Six Furlongs
Sunday, May 31	Open Mind Handicap	\$60,000	f & m, 3 & up	Six Furlongs
Sunday, June 21	Dan Horn Handicap	\$60,000	3 & up	One Mile (Turf)
Saturday, September 12	New Jersey Breeders Handicap	\$60,000	3 & up	Six Furlongs
Saturday, September 12	Charles Hesse III Handicap	\$60,000	3 & up	One Mile & Sixteenth
Saturday, September 12	Eleven North Handicap	\$60,000	f & m, 3 & up	Six Furlongs
Saturday, September 12	Jersey Girl Handicap	\$60,000	f & m, 3 & up	One Mile & Sixteenth
Saturday, September 26	Jersey Juvenile	\$60,000	2yo	Six Furlongs

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2015 Monmouth Park stakes schedule by division

THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

<i>Run date</i>	<i>Race name</i>	<i>Purse</i>	<i>Distance</i>
May 9	Decathlon Stakes	\$75,000	Six Furlongs
May 16	Red Bank Stakes-G3	\$100,000	One Mile (Turf)
May 23	Majestic Light Stakes	\$75,000	One Mile & Seventy Yards
May 30	JOHN J. REILLY HANDICAP (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	Six Furlongs
June 7	Monmouth Stakes-G2	\$200,000	One Mile & One Eighth (Turf)
June 7	John McSorley Stakes	\$60,000	Five & One Half Furlongs (Turf)
June 21	DAN HORN HANDICAP (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	One Mile (Turf)
June 28	Mr. Prospector Stakes	\$75,000	Six Furlongs
July 4	Elkwood Stakes	\$75,000	One Mile (Turf)
July 5	United Nations Stakes-G1	\$500,000	One Mile & Three Eighths (Turf)
July 5	Salvator Mile-G3	\$150,000	One Mile
August 2	Monmouth Cup-G2	\$200,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth
August 2	Oceanport Stakes-G3	\$150,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth (Turf)
August 2	Teddy Drone Stakes	\$100,000	Six Furlongs
August 8	My Frenchman Stakes	\$60,000	Five & One Half Furlongs (Turf)
August 23	Cliff Hanger Stakes-G3	\$100,000	One Mile & One Eighth (Turf)
August 30	Philip H. Iselin Stakes-G3	\$150,000	One Mile & One Eighth
September 12	NEW JERSEY BREEDERS HANDICAP (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	Six Furlongs
September 12	CHARLES HESSE III HANDICAP (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth

FILLIES AND MARES, 3-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

May 24	Monmouth Beach Stakes	\$75,000	One Mile & Seventy Yards
May 25	Miss Liberty Stakes	\$75,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth (Turf)
May 31	OPEN MIND HANDICAP (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	Six Furlongs
June 20	Red Cross Stakes	\$70,000	Six Furlongs
June 27	Eatontown Stakes-G3	\$100,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth (Turf)
July 3	Molly Pitcher Stakes-G3	\$200,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth
July 12	Klassy Briefcase Stakes	\$60,000	Five & One Half Furlongs (Turf)
August 1	Regret Stakes	\$75,000	Six Furlongs
August 2	Matchmaker Stakes-G3	\$150,000	One Mile & One Eighth (Turf)
August 2	Lady's Secret Stakes	\$75,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth
August 15	Blue Sparkler Stakes	\$60,000	Five & One Half Furlongs (Turf)
August 29	Violet Stakes-G3	\$100,000	One Mile & One Eighth (Turf)
September 7	Lighthouse Stakes	\$75,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth
September 12	ELEVEN NORTH HANDICAP (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	Six Furlongs
September 12	JERSEY GIRL HANDICAP (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth

THREE-YEAR-OLDS

June 13	Restoration Stakes	\$60,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth (Turf)
June 14	Select Stakes	\$60,000	Five & One Half Furlongs (Turf)
June 21	Pegasus Stakes-G3	\$150,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth
July 11	Long Branch Stakes	\$100,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth
July 18	Lamplighter Stakes	\$60,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth (Turf)
July 25	Jersey Shore Stakes-G3	\$100,000	Six Furlongs
August 2	William Hill Haskell Invitational-G1	\$1,000,000	One Mile & One Eighth

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLIES

June 6	Crank It Up Stakes	\$60,000	Five & One Half Furlongs (Turf)
July 19	Miss Woodford Stakes	\$70,000	Six Furlongs
July 26	Little Silver Stakes	\$60,000	One Mile (Turf)
August 22	Monmouth Oaks-G3	\$100,000	One Mile & One Sixteenth
September 5	Boiling Springs Stakes-G3	\$100,000	One Mile & One Eighth (Turf)

TWO-YEAR-OLDS

August 9	Tyro Stakes	\$60,000	Five Furlongs (Turf)
September 6	Sapling Stakes	\$100,000	One Mile
September 26	JERSEY JUVENILE (reg. NJ-breds)	\$60,000	Six Furlongs

TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLIES

August 16	Colleen Stakes	\$60,000	Five Furlongs (Turf)
September 6	Sorority Stakes	\$75,000	Six Furlongs

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Patience, research and dedication key to Hartwells' success

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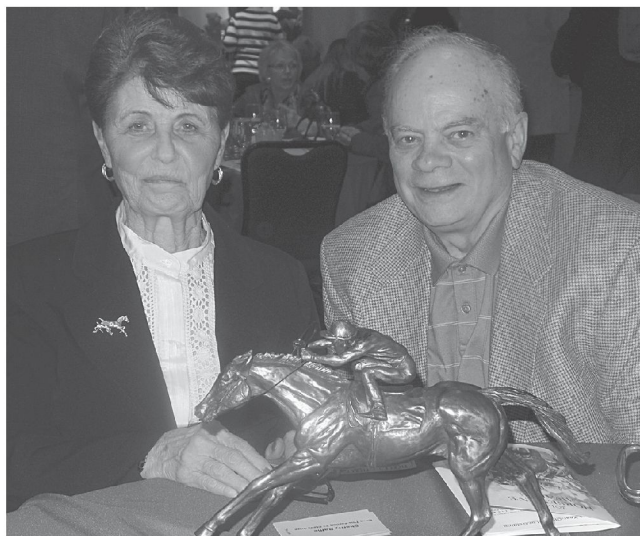
When Pennsylvania breeder William J. Hartwell shares the history of his 40-year-old breeding operation, his story sounds more like a tribute to his Uncle Jack Dougherty, Bobby Camac, John Servis and Ramon Preciado than it does to his own dedication and investment.

Hartwell and his wife of 55 years, Frances, have been avid students of conditioning and pedigrees since they purchased their Buckingham, Pa., farm in 1974 when their mare Reigning T. V. was in the midst of a 77-start, 10-win racing career.

"From the time I was 10 years old, my Uncle Jack, who was a trainer, brought me to his farm in Norristown, and then when I was older to the track at Bowie," said Hartwell. "Reigning T. V. was my first horse, a claim from the original Garden State Park when I was 30 years old. Uncle Jack trained her after he encouraged me to buy her, and she became our foundation mare and was the reason Frances and I bought our farm."

That was over 40 years ago, and the husband-wife team can recite every pedigree, name, and race record of their homebreds since then.

Reigning T. V. was pensioned on the Hartwell's farm until she died at 33 (in 2003). Two of her daughters, stakes mares Flagnlinda, 24, and Richard's Lady J., 28, also



became stakes producers and are living their years of retirement with the Hartwells.

"I have three generations retired out there," said Hartwell. "That also includes Little Daisy Brown, out of our other foundation mare, Hail to Fortune. She is now 21 years old, and is the dam of stakes winner Disco T."

Flagnlinda (by Shimatoree) is the dam of stakes-placed Golddigger Beware, who in turn produced Golddigger's Boy. A son of Jump Start, Golddigger's Boy won the Don Levine Memorial Handicap against open company, the Lyman Handicap twice and Docent Stakes, was graded stakes-placed, and earned \$585,985.

Disco T, by Disco Rico, was multiple stakes-placed and won seven of 22 starts and \$356,808. Both were trained by Ramon Preciado.

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The purchase of their farm on Holicong Road was the beginning of years of study for Frances, who plans all of the breeding for the couple's mares. She has read everything she can find on pedigrees and classic breeding from the early 20th century's most important Thoroughbred breeders like Federico Tesio, Alfred Vanderbilt and Harry Payne Whitney.

Although Frances admits to being scared to death handling the horses on the farm, she is not fearful of investing top dollar for stud fees for their small herd. She has depended on generations of wisdom to choose the appropriate stallions, increasing the quality of breeding every year.

"We used to spend \$500 on a stud fee," she said, remembering Woody's Wish, the first foal out of Hail to Fortune. He was

by New Jersey stallion Miteas Well Laff and went on to become a multiple stakes winner with 11 wins from 51 starts and earning \$150,381. "But we have done well enough to put the money back into better breeding."

"I just listen to the oldtimers," she said. "They tell me to breed speed to speed. 'Don't breed a miler to a horse with speed, and don't breed a plodder to a plodder.' I spend a lot of time picking out three potential stallions, using "nicks" that I find for each of our three mares. Then my husband helps make the final choice."

In the past few years, the Hartwells have foaled mares bred to English Channel, Mineshaft, 2010 Kentucky Derby winner and leading second-crop stallion Super

Saver, and prominent sprinter Munnings, a son of Speightstown.

A search on the internet reveals little about her husband, the man who owns Hartwell Warehouse Inc., a multimillion-dollar business which distributes steel to companies around the world.

"I like to lay as low as possible," said Hartwell, who has never named his 38-acre property. "You can find it by looking for the red mailbox with two boulders by the driveway," he said. "But it is perfect for our operation. We have three barns, two for the horses and one for equipment, and plenty of room to rotate our fields."

Hartwell is hands-on at the farm, getting up at 5 a.m. to feed and check every horse before heading to Morrisville and his main office. During the day, a group

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A few words from the Executive Secretary



I'm excited to tell you we are developing a new section of our website that will be dedicated to you, the breeder. This section will be called "Vicky's List," named after our boards' website chair Vicky Schowe. You will be able to send pictures of new foals, special events like stakes wins or just anything you would like to share with other breeders. Send your postings to pabreeder@gmail.com and we will get them up as soon as we

can. For foal photos, include the foal year, pedigree, breeder name and photo credit. Also, please remember if the picture you are using has a copyright, send the written permission along with the photo.

This year's Iroquois Banquet will again be at Penn National Race Course on May 30 beginning with cocktails at 5 p.m. Come out and help us honor our PA-Bred Stakes and Award Winners. It's a great opportunity to share your ideas with the leading breeders in Pennsylvania, meet our board members or just come out to have an evening of fun.

Penn National will be hosting one of its biggest race nights of the year featuring the \$500,000 Penn Mile for 3-year-olds and three other open stakes. We will also be featuring the \$75,000 Lyphard Stakes for 3 and up on the turf at a mile and a sixteenth. What a night!

Have a great spring and hope to see you on May 30.

/Brian Sanfratello

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JOIN THE PHBA

Whether you are currently a breeder or an owner, or if you are just considering getting involved in this exciting industry, there are many reasons to join the PHBA. The PHBA is devoted to those involved in Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred breeding industry. A not-for-profit organization founded in 1948, we provide a number of services to members, including informational assistance, educational opportunities and a variety of social events.

The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, race tracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

2015 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.

Proposed 2015 schedule—dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change. Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., May 2 Parx	\$75,000 Lyman H , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., May 30 Penn	\$75,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Fri., June 12 Penn	\$75,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
	\$75,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 12, PID	\$75,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
	\$75,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 25, Parx	\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	\$75,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sun., Aug. 9, PID	\$75,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Sat., Aug. 22, Penn	\$75,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Sept. 5 Parx	\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
	\$75,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3YO fillies, 7 fur.
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 6, PID	\$75,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 19, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 20, PID	\$75,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Oct. 10 Parx	\$75,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 25, Penn	\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 5, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.

Total: \$1,725,000

of young women from Delaware Valley College take over the farm work. "We have had about 40 great girls on our farm through the years," he said. "They have been so loyal and really love our horses. Their dedication takes so much pressure off of us—they never miss a day."

Foaling season is like a second job for Hartwell as he is on constant watch, with cameras set up inside his barn. "I foal every mare myself," he said. "And I love it. You may not believe in God but you will if you see a mare produce a foal."

Hartwell foaled three mares this season, and says just like racehorses needing a break from training, every mare earns a year off from breeding after she produces three consecutive foals.

"The mares deserve a break in their schedules, too," he said. "We have been doing very well that way. I understand that farms in Kentucky that have bred to top stallions with expensive mares cannot do that economically and must continue to breed year after year, but since I breed to race, not to sell, I can do it my way."

The Hartwells' combined talents earned them over \$360,000 in Pennsylvania breeders' awards in the last six years, their best year in 2010 when their breeders' awards topped \$93,000, according to statistics published by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. That was the year of Jemilyn, a daughter of Good and Tough out of Twenty Four Carat. Trained by Preciado, she won seven of 18 starts lifetime, including the PHBA Distaff and Foxy J. G. Stakes in 2010. She retired the following year, winning the Foxy J. G. for the second time in her last career start.

Jemilyn, named for three of the Hartwells' grandchildren—Julian, Emily and Evelyn—accounted for \$188,000 in PA-bred stakes purses, breeders' awards and bonuses in 2010.

"We had a bad year last year," said Hartwell of their over \$40,000 in breeders' awards. "But we can last through that. I have enough money that I don't have to

push my horses to pay their way. That is what hurts the industry, when owners don't have money and have to run their horses to pay their board."

A former member of the HBPA at Philadelphia Park for 20 years under the presidency of Larry Riviello, Hartwell admits to being a bit outspoken when it comes to the politics of racing. He remembers the changes that occurred to racing during the advent of simulcasting and the beginning of the work toward securing casino revenue for the horsemen.

"I speak my mind," he said. "The horses have to come first in this industry." That belief he holds true, as he learned from men he believes were the best in their field and in whom he placed the care of his homebreds.

Hartwell learned to follow the lead of his trainers, the first of whom was his mother's brother, Jack Dougherty, who he calls a great horseman. Like his uncle, he believes in racing his horses infrequently, happy to get 12 to 14 races a year from them, and is not willing to race them on an off track.

"Uncle Jack used to say that the best thing for a horse was Dr. Green," he said. "He believed racehorses should be taken home and turned out in a grassy field for a few months. Then they'd come back like tigers."

Popular trainer Bobby Camac, who was as close as a brother to him, took over the Hartwell stable after Dougherty retired. Camac's success included training all three of Hartwell's current pensioners.

"He was the same age as me and at the time of his death was ready to drop the size of his training stable to just his and my horses. I moved the horses to John Servis then, and around 2005, to Ramon Preciado, who I have been with now for nearly 10 years."

Servis conditioned Golddigger Beware to six wins and \$164,209.

"Ramon learned under Camac and other good trainers when he first came to

the United States and before he went out on his own," Hartwell said. "He ran Bobby's shedrow and still speaks of him often. I like Ramon because he takes good care of his horses—the proof is in the pudding. I don't like my horses pushed too hard. My success is as much Ramon's story as it is mine."

This year brings another group of homebreds whose spring and summer campaigns at Parx are eagerly awaited by the Hartwells.

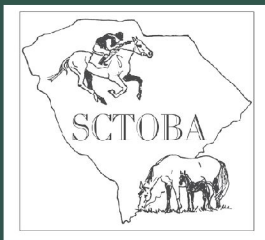
Three 2-year-old fillies are currently galloping at Sinatra Thoroughbreds at Berkley Training Center in Darlington, Md., and include a daughter of Super Saver out of Golddigger Beware named Digger's Jigger.

Also rejoining Preciado's Parx division is Digger's Jigger's year-older half-sister Miss Holicon (by First Samurai). Late last year Miss Holicon won back-to-back races at Parx and had been competing against tough turf company at Gulfstream Park this past winter.

"We couldn't get any dirt races to go for her in Florida," said Hartwell. "So we tried her on the grass, but she was running against fillies who were Breeders' Cup runners last year, and it was very competitive."

Flagnlinda's final foal, Flagndini, was favored in last year's Pennsylvania Nursery after winning first time out, but finished eighth behind the well-regarded Nasa that day on an off track which he did not like, said Hartwell. In his second start at 3, the son of Bandini won wire-to-wire in allowance company at Penn National in March.

Just as three generations of Hartwell horses have become a major force on the mid-Atlantic racing scene, the Hartwells' own family has been involved, too, from their four children to 11 grandchildren. Their oldest son Bill lives on the farm, and Jessica Flagler, their granddaughter, has been helping on the farm on weekends, and many times part of the family is in attendance at the races.



South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

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Minimambo wins at first asking for Fast Women LLC

Donna Freyer's Fast Women LLC Ownership group got a special thrill when their filly won in her debut. The Kitalpha filly Minimambo scored at a mile on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs March 21. The filly pulled away in the stretch to win by $3\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in 1:37.88.

Completing the Minimambo all-female team were jockey Rosemary Homeister Jr. and trainer Maria Bowersock. Among the 32 woman syndicate on hand to see the race were Kay McKinney, Betsy Greenway, Helen Richards and Missy McCutcheon.

McKinney summed it up for the group: "One of the most exciting days of my life. There is nothing like being there, leaning against the railing and rooting for your horse that you have watched grow and develop into a beautiful and talented filly. Can't wait until the next race!"

Godolphin runners shine in Aiken Trials

The 73rd running of the Aiken Trials was a five-race card March 14. Godolphin runners captured the top three spots when three Bernardini colts ran first, second, and third in the the Bruce Duchossois Memorial trophy. Trade Zone (out of the mare Connie Belle) won, with James Lane (out of Brushed Gold) running second and Numbered (from Seventh Street) in third. All three are trained by Tim Jones. A Bernardini-sired filly, Indulgent, won the Danny Furr Memorial Trophy.

Dogwood Stable's Glowing Ember, trained by Brad Stauffer, won the fifth race, The City of Aiken Trophy, while Cary Frommer-trained fillies ran first and third in the second trial, The Coward Trophy.

Results were as follows:

First Trial: The Danny Furr Memorial Trophy, 2yo Maiden Fillies, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile :25 $\frac{5}{8}$

1st-INDULGENT, dk.b./br.f., Bernardini—Fast Cookie; O-Godolphin; T-Tim Jones; J-Jordan Pruiksm.

2nd-Unnamed, dk.b./br.f., Street Cry (Ire)—Nalani (Ire); O-Godolphin; T-Tim Jones; J-Sarah Hansel.

3rd-GREAT IMPORT, ch.f., Discreet Cat—Trade Only; O-Godolphin; T-Tim Jones; J-Crystal Ryan.

Second Trial: The Coward Trophy, 2yo Maidens, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile :23 $\frac{1}{2}$

1st-Unnamed, dk.b./br.f., Love of Money—My Rib; O-Brooke Bowman; T-Cary Frommer; J-Adan Moreno.

2nd-DOT THAT DANCE, b. c., Louis Quatorze—Guess the Dance; O-Charisma Stables LLC; T-Cary Frommer; J-Jose Ramos

3rd-AIKEN'S ALLEY, ch.c., Flower Alley—Bragadocious; O-Dunbarton Stable LLC; T-Cary Frommer; J-Miguel Ramos

Third Trial: The Gaver Trophy, the Polo Pony Race, 300 Hundred Yards, :11 $\frac{1}{2}$

1st-CHESNEY, ch.g., 7;

O/T/J-Tom Uskup.

2nd-RED EXPRESS, ch.g., 6;

O-Risen Star Farms; T/J-Kayla Faile.

3rd-MY FRIEND TITO, gr.g., 18;

O/T/J-Whitney Lassiter.

Fourth Trial: The Bruce Duchossois Memorial Trophy, 2yo Maiden Colts, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile :24

1st-TRADE ZONE, b.c., Bernardini—Connie Belle; O-Godolphin; T-Tim Jones; J-Rebekah Hammond.

2nd-JAMES LANE, b.c., Bernardini—Brushed Gold; O-Godolphin; T-Tim Jones; J-Jordan Pruiksm.

3rd-NUMBERED, dk.b./br.c., Bernardini—Seventh Street; O-Godolphin; T-Tim Jones; J-Crystal Ryan.

Fifth Trial: The City Of Aiken Trophy, 3yo and up, Winners, $\frac{4}{2}$ f., :53

1st-GLOWING EMBER, b.g., 5, Bernstein—Fanfire; O-Dogwood Stable; T-Brad Stauffer; J-Gene Tucker.

2nd-BUBUZELA, b.m., 5, Rockport Harbor—Maemy (Brz); O/T/J-Aimee Bohlman.

3rd-ST. THADDEUS, b.g., 4, Love of Money—Glowing Honour; O-Dunbarton Stable LLC; T-Cary Frommer, J-Miguel Ramos.

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South Carolina-trained winners

<i>Horse</i>	<i>Training Center</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Track</i>	<i>Type of Race</i>
Minimambo	Custom Care Equine	3/21/15	Tampa Bay Downs	Maiden claiming
Black Martino	Kirkwood Stables	3/18/15	Gulfstream Park	Claiming
Franky and Jane	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/18/15	Mountaineer	Claiming
C R S Angels	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/17/15	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
All Hands	Aiken Training Track	3/15/15	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Ascot Girl	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/15/15	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
Blame Angel	Holly Hill Training Center	3/14/15	Fair Grounds	Maiden special weight
Dunbrody	Ellore Training Center	3/14/15	Oaklawn Park	Maiden special weight
GOLD MEDAL DANCER	Holly Hill Training Center	3/14/15	Oaklawn Park	Azeri S-G2
Retire Fifty Five	Custom Care Equine	3/14/15	Aqueduct	Maiden claiming
Goodtolook	Easy Breeze Training Center	3/13/15	Aqueduct	Claiming
RUN HIDE MY GIRL	Ellore Training Center	3/13/15	Delta Downs	Gold Coast S
Streamsong	Easy Breeze Training Center	3/13/15	Laurel Park	Allowance
Strict Compliance	Ellore Training Center	3/11/15	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
Keenwah	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/9/15	Mahoning Valley	Maiden special weight
Full Heart	Ellore Training Center	3/7/15	Fair Grounds	Maiden special weight
Kentuckian	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/7/15	Golden Gate	Maiden special weight
Lord Tyrion	Kirkwood Stables	3/7/15	Tampa Bay Downs	Claiming
MIZZ MONEY	Ellore Training Center	3/7/15	Fair Grounds	Allen LaCombe Memorial S
Affect	Aiken Training Track	3/6/15	Tampa Bay Downs	Maiden special weight
SIBLING WAR	Ellore Training Center	3/6/15	Delta Downs	Azalea S
Great Minds	Holly Hill Training Center	3/5/15	Fair Grounds	Allowance
Kicker Bond	Webb Carroll Training Center	3/4/15	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Rififi	Ellore Training Center	3/4/15	Mahoning Valley	Allowance
Latent Revenge	Ellore Training Center	3/1/15	Fair Grounds	Maiden special weight
Boot Legger	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/28/15	Mahoning Valley	Maiden special weight
Easy to Say	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/28/15	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
STELLAR WIND	Ellore Training Center	2/28/15	Santa Anita Park	Santa Ysabel S-G3
Quality Callin	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/27/15	Penn National	Allowance
Final Chapter	Aiken Training Track	2/26/15	Aqueduct	Allowance
Lady Fog Horn	Custom Care Equine	2/26/15	Tampa Bay Downs	Claiming
NORTH SLOPE	Aiken Training Track	2/22/15	Aqueduct	Evening Attire S
HOUSE RULES	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/21/15	Gulfstream Park	Rampart S-G3
Magic Soul	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/21/15	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Place Card	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/21/15	Tampa Bay Downs	Maiden special weight
Sibling War	Ellore Training Center	2/20/15	Delta Downs	Allowance
Poseidon's Way	Holly Hill Training Center	2/19/15	Oaklawn Park	Allowance



2014 Virginia Thoroughbred Champions

The VTA is proud to announce the 2014 Virginia Thoroughbred Champions. Virginia horses had a huge year, with horses bred, owned and trained in the Old Dominion earning graded stakes honors across the country.

Last year, the state boasted a Classic winner, a competitive Breeders' Cup contender and other graded stakes winners from Gulfstream to Saratoga. Winners represented a broad cross-section of horsemen who demonstrated Virginia's commitment to producing top-quality Thoroughbreds.

The awards ceremony, which is free to attend, will be held May 1 in the Turf Club Tent at Great Meadow from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We look forward to hosting special guests Delegate Ed Scott, Delegate Michael Weibert and Senator Jill Vogel, who were the sponsors of our racing legislation. Without their very important efforts, this important piece of legislation would not have come to fruition.

Come out and celebrate and thank our legislators for all of their hard work done on the part of Virginia horsemen. Ed Scott in particular has been a long-time champion for the horse racing industry. He is retiring from the legislation this year, and this is a unique opportunity to thank him for all of his years of service.



VIRGINIA-BRED HORSE OF THE YEAR **THANK YOU MARYLOU**
WINNING THE GRADE 3 DOGWOOD STAKES.

Virginia-bred Horse of the Year and Champion 3-year-old Filly THANK YOU MARYLOU

2011, ch.f. Birdstone—
Menifeeque, by Menifee

Winner—Grade 3 Dogwood S, Any
Limit S; Placed—Grade 1 Breeders'
Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, Grade 1
Ashland S, Grade 1 La Brea S,
Grade 2 Raven Run S

Bred by Mr. & Mrs. C.W. McNeely III
Owned by Sarah & Ken Ramsey

Virginia-raised Horse of the Year TONALIST

2011, b.c. Tapit—Settling Mist,
by Pleasant Colony

Winner—Grade 1 Belmont S, Grade
1 Jockey Club Gold Cup, Grade
2 Peter Pan S; Placed—Grade 1
Travers S, Grade 2 Jim Dandy S

Bred and raised by Woodslane Farm
(Lauren and Rene Woolcott)

Owned by Robert S. Evans



VIRGINIA-RAISED HORSE OF THE YEAR
TONALIST

**Virginia-owned
Horse of the Year
V. E. DAY**

2011, ch.c. English Channel—
California Sunset, by Deputy Minister
Winner—Grade 1 Travers S, Curlin S
Owned by Magalen O. Bryant

**Champion 2-year-old Colt
MOON RIVER**

2012, b.c. Bluegrass Cat—Hepburn,
by Capote

Winner—Jamestown S
Bred and owned by William M.
Backer Revocable Trust

**Champion 3-year-old Colt
and Champion Turf Horse
LONG ON VALUE**

2011, b.c. Value Plus—
Long Message, by Orientate

Winner—Grade 2 Twilight Derby,
Mystic Lake Derby; Placed—Grade 3
Arlington Classic, etc.

Bred by Snow Lantern
Thoroughbreds (Bob Powell)
Owned by Wachtel Stable and
George J. Kerr



VIRGINIA-OWNED HORSE OF THE YEAR **V. E. DAY**

**Champion Older Horse
VALID**

2010, dk.b./br.g. Medaglia d'Oro—
Grand Prayer by Grand Slam

Winner—Grade 2 Monmouth Cup,
Eight Miles West S; Placed—Grade
3 Salvator Mile S, Grade 3 Philip H.
Iselin S, etc.

Bred by Edward P. Evans
Owned by Crossed Sabres Farm

**Champion 2-year-old Filly
SKIPALUTE**

2012, blk.f. Midnight Lute—
Skipstone, by Montbrook

Placed—Grade 2 Matron S, Grade 3
Delta Downs Princess S

Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm
Owned by GoldMark Farm and
Whisper Hill Farm

**Champion Older Female
SOUTH ANDROS**

2010, gr./ro.m. Sky Mesa—
Misty Rain, by Rubiano

Winner—Justakiss S; placed—
Thirty Eight Go Go S, Lighthouse S
Bred by Chance Farm (Brooke
Royster)
Owned by Hillwood Stable and
Chance Farm

**Champion Turf Filly
EMBARR**

2008, ch.m. Royal Academy—
In too Deep, by The Deep (Ire)

Winner—Dahlia S, Brookmeade S
Bred and owned by Susan S. Cooney

**Virginia-trained
Horse of the Year
DEMONSTRATIVE**

2007, b.g. Elusive Quality—
Loving Pride, by Quiet American

Eclipse Award-winning Steeplechaser
Winner—Grade 1 New York Turf
Writers Cup, Grade 1 Grand
National Hurdle S, Grade 1
Lonesome Glory H
Trained by Richard L. Valentine
Owned by Mrs. George L. Ohrstrom Jr.

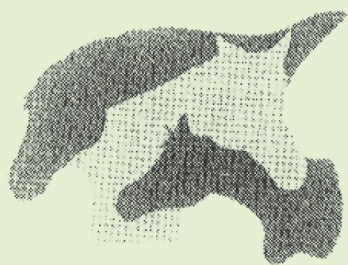
**Virginia-based
Trainer of the Year
RICHARD L. VALENTINE**

2014 earnings of \$745,825; trained
Eclipse Award winner Demonstrative

**Virginia Owner of the Year
MAGALEN O. BRYANT**

A top-60 owner in the country with
144 starts, 25 wins and 41 placings,
for \$1,522,721 in 2014 earnings

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West Virginia

THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

May 2015

West Virginia-bred Champions of 2014

by Jeff Gilleas

The West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation was held March 22 at the Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown.

Attendees comprised the past, present and future of West Virginia racing and breeding, with a strong contingent of political clout on hand, to demonstrate solidarity with the horsemen.

Dr. Doug Allara, president of the WVTBA, opened the ceremonies with a brief statement on the year in review. With his focus on the many successes generated by West Virginia bred and sired talent, he followed up with a message of caution for his members pertaining to the always-unsettled legislative climate in the state capitol.

Vice-President Martin Blaylock and Secretary Dr. Kate Painter put their respective touches on the afternoon's festivities with short but emotional pleas for our survival in a policy-making environment that seems to

be tuned-in with occasional selective hearing.

After listening to Senator Herb Snyder, Delegates Jill Upson and Paul Espinosa as well as County Commissioner Dale Manuel, the first category winner was announced.

Champion West Virginia-Bred 2-year-old Filly HARLAN'S DESTINY

Owner/Breeder: James Miller

Trainer: Wayne Catalano

After a sharp third in her debut at Arlington Park, this daughter of Harlan's Holiday out of Mantekilla invaded Charles Town with a passion, dominating the \$50,000 Rachel's Turn Stakes by 5¼ lengths and followed with wins in the West Virginia Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic and Eleanor Casey Memorial. She won four of her five starts.

Co-Champion West Virginia-Bred 2-year-old Male HEAR THE CHATTER

Owner/Breeder: Kristy Petty

Trainer: John Casey

The precocious dark bay gelding stamped himself a runner from day one

with a victorious debut. The muscular son of Mass Media out of Stefani's Surprise reeled off four straight stakes wins, taking the Henry Mercer Memorial, Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic, Tri-State Futurity and West Virginia Futurity and was third in a stakes at Laurel Park. He earned \$185,776 from five wins in seven starts.

Co-Champion West Virginia-Bred 2-year-old Male GOLDEN YEARS

Owner: Hillwood Stables

Breeder: O'Sullivan Farms

Trainer: Rodney Jenkins

After sweeping to victory at Laurel Park in his initial start, this West Virginia dynamo captured the \$100,000 Maryland Million Nursery Stakes and maintained his superiority in the \$100,000 Marylander Stakes, winning by a margin of 7¼ lengths. He is a son of Not For Love out of Sweet Annuity, one of Roberta Grump's many stakes winners.

Champion West Virginia-Bred 3-year-old Filly CHROME MINE

Owner/Breeder: Michael Miller

Trainer: David Walters

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Unraced as a 2-year-old, this robust daughter of Mineshaft out of Carnival Chrome (herself a previous champion) proved her worth with an electrifying 11-length win at first asking and never looked back, finishing the year with five wins in seven starts. A win in the Sylvia Bishop Memorial and a second in the West Virginia Division of Tourism Breeders Classic placed her at the top of her division.

**Champion West Virginia-Bred
3-year-old Male
PRINCE OF WINDSOR**

Owner: Carisa Figgins
Breeder: Carisa & Ollie Figgins III
Trainer: Ollie Figgins III

The dark bay gelded son by Windsor Castle out of So Francie may not have overwhelmed the opposition, but with tenacity and consistency he forged to the front of his division.

His triumph in the West Virginia Lottery Breeders Classic placed him as the leader of a contentious pack.

**Champion West Virginia-Bred
Older Filly/Mare
DOWN TOWN ALLEN**

Owner/Breeder/Trainer: John A. Casey

In 2014, Down Town Allen was perfection, going six for six during her 7-year-old season. Five of the six wins were stakes—the Original Gold, Fancy Buckles (for the fourth time), Sadie Hawkins (fourth time), West Virginia Jefferson Security Bank 'Cavada' Breeders Classic and My Sister Pearl—and granted her initiation into the local "Millionaires Club."

The team of John Casey, Kristy Petty, Allen Casey, Mike Mumaw (groom) and Matt McGowan (regular jockey) helped crown Down Town Allen as the "Queen of all she surveys" at Charles Town Races. The daughter of Windsor Castle out of Like Down Town competes with the heart of a tigress.

**Champion West Virginia-Bred
Older Male
LUCY'S BOB BOY**

Owner: Linda Sours
Breeder: Robert W. Furr Sr.
Trainer: Sandra Dono

The son of Flatter out of Love for Lucy sports 23 wins out of 36 starts to date and has probably given his fans/admirers more goosebumps for outstanding performances than any other competitor in Charles Town's past.

His five wins from 10 starts during his 5-year-old campaign included the Frank Gall Memorial and A Huevo Stakes as well as a race-for-the-ages second to Russell Road in the \$500,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic. This gelding stamps himself as the horse to beat at any distance versus any company.

**Co-Champion
West Virginia-Bred Sprinter
GREENWAY COURT**

Owner: Taylor Mountain Farm (James W. Casey)
Breeder/Trainer: James W. Casey

The speed merchant doesn't venture beyond 4½ furlongs, but then again why would he? Honesty is his number one trait verified by his record of 23 starts with 11 wins, seven seconds and two thirds. The son of Windsor Castle out of Candy One captured the It's Only Money Stakes and was second in the West Virginia "Dash for Cash" Breeders Classic Stakes.

**Co-Champion
West Virginia-Bred Sprinter
HALTER OFF**

Owner: Marsha Laurendine
Breeder: Taylor Mountain Farm
Trainer: Busanda Armstrong

The son of Windsor Castle out of Reluctant Bride had a break-out year in 2014. The gray won three allowance races and turned the tide on his major adversary (Greenway Court) on Breeders Classic night in the "Dash for Cash."

His patented one-run style kept his connections' hearts in their proverbial throats.

**Co-Champion West Virginia
Stallion of the Year
WINDSOR CASTLE**

Owner: Taylor Mountain Farm

**Co-Champion West Virginia
Stallion of the Year
FIBER SONDE**

Owner: Beau Ridge Farm

**Champion West Virginia-Bred
Broodmare of the year
CARNIVAL CHROME**

Owner: Michael Miller

Four-time consecutive winner of the Sadie Hawkins Stakes. Retired with earnings just shy of a half-million dollars. Dam of 2014 Champion 3-year-old filly Chrome Mine.

**Co-Champion
West Virginia Breeders of the Year
TAYLOR MOUNTAIN FARM**

James W. Casey

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**2014 West Virginia-Bred
Horse of the Year
DOWN TOWN ALLEN**

Owner/Breeder: John A. Casey

Epitomized a team effort on the track and at the farm. The most coveted story of the year.

Just days after winning the blue-chip Cavada Stakes, John and Kristy's 5-year-old son Allen competed in a lead-line class with Down Town Allen.

"There's nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse"
Winston Churchill

Notes to members

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, www.racing.wv.gov.

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Virginia Gold Cup pumps up purses as spring racing season nears end

May marks the conclusion of the National Steeplechase Association's spring racing season, and the Virginia Gold Cup kicks off the month with an action-packed program that includes the 90th running of the Virginia Gold Cup. In honor of the anniversary, the Virginia Gold Cup purse has been increased to \$90,000, making it the year's richest timber race.

The four-mile timber classic on May 2 is by no means the only race with an increased purse. In all, the Virginia Gold Cup meet purses will total \$400,000, a whopping 60% increase over \$250,000 in 2014. The increase places the Virginia Gold Cup right behind the Iroquois Steeplechase as the spring's richest race meet.

The Virginia Gold Cup meet at Great Meadows Race Course in The Plains will offer pari-mutuel wagering for the third consecutive year and will be run under Virginia Racing Commission rules.

For this year's meet, the Virginia Gold Cup created a new race, the \$75,000 David Semmes Memorial, to be run at 2 1/8 miles over National Fences. Mr. Semmes, a well-known member of the Virginia steeplechasing and fox-hunting community, died Jan. 1 at his Indian Run Farm in Flint Hill, Va., at the age of 86.

The former longtime master of the Old Dominion Hounds, he was a National Steeplechase Association member and licensed owner since 1996. He practiced intellectual-property law for 41 years and was best known for the patent work on the "black-box" data and voice recorders used on commercial aircraft around the world. He also performed the patent work on the technology used for jockeys' protective vests.

An amateur jockey, he rode more than 100 races between 1969 and 1986, chiefly in the competitive Seven Corners owner-rider timber series. He was selected for the Francis Thornton Greene Award in 2008 for his years of volunteer service to the industry.



Willie McCarthy drove Holston Hall's Hot Rize to victory in the 2014 Virginia Gold Cup. At season's end, Hot Rize reigned as timber champion, and McCarthy was champion jockey.

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The meet also will offer a \$40,000 Sport of Kings maiden race and a 2 1/2-mile allowance hurdle race worth \$45,000 as part of an eight-race program.

The 74th Iroquois program a week later in Nashville will offer \$415,000 in purses plus \$20,000 in bonuses. The meet at Percy Warner Park will be highlighted by the \$150,000 Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) at three miles over National Fences. Also on the rich card are the \$75,000 Marcellus Frost for novices, the \$50,000 Margaret Currey Henley for fillies and mares, and the \$50,000 Mason Houghland Memorial over timber.

The Radnor Hunt Races in Malvern, Pa., on May 16 will highlight the \$50,000 National Hunt Cup (G3) over National Fences and the \$30,000 Radnor Hunt Cup over timber. The spring season concludes May 23 with the Fair Hill Races in Maryland, where the featured \$30,000 Valentine Memorial will be run as a novice timber stakes.

Other May meets are Block House in Tryon, N.C., on May 2, the Winterthur Races in Wilmington, Del., on May 3, the Willowdale Steeplechase in Kennett Square, Pa., on May 10, and the High Hope Steeplechase in Lexington, Ky., on May 17.



Prominent owner Betty Merck dies at 95

Elizabeth Mead "Betty" Merck, a much-admired steeplechase owner who was both gracious and outspoken, died April 3 at The Fields, her home in Bedminster, N.J. She had celebrated her 95th birthday in January with a party at her home.

In addition to racing The Fields Stable with son George F. "Laddie" Merck, she was a director of the Far Hills Racing Association and a past master of the Essex Fox Hounds in central New Jersey. She also was deeply involved in land-conservation efforts in Somerset County. She had the distinction of having ridden horses in ten different decades and fox-hunted until she was in her 90s.

She had a long association with Mimi and the late Tom Voss, who trained her horses. The Fields was the National Steeplechase Association's leading owner in 2009, when it won Far Hills' two leading races, the \$250,000 Grand National (Gr. 1) with Your Sum Man and the Foxbrook Champion Hurdle with Left Unsaid, who took down the year's novice championship. Among all-time NSA owners, The Fields ranks 18th.

The relationship between Betty Merck and the Voss family dated from 1995. Mrs. Merck said, only half in jest, that her family wanted to get her involved as a steeplechase owner so she would spend less time fox-hunting. The Fields' first racehorse, Brigade of Guards, won seven races and \$216,269 between 1996 and 1999.

He was bred by Paul Mellon, and Mimi Voss went looking for relatives to purchase. She found his full sister, Distant Drumroll, at Laurel Park with trainer Billy Turner and purchased her in partnership with Mrs. Merck.

Distant Drumroll only won a maiden hurdle, but her value as a broodmare was inestimable. Her best—and the best raced by The Fields—was Guelph, named for a family hometown in Canada. Guelph was the 2005 novice and filly-mare champion, and she repeated as the female champion in 2008. Distant Drumroll also produced Wanganui, who carried The Fields' silks to victory in the 2011 Gladstone Stakes and reigned as the year's three-year-old champion.



Betty Merck shared a laugh with emcee Tony Bentley at the 2011 steeplechase awards dinner. Behind them are Mimi Voss and Laddie Merck.

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The Fields also raced Approaching Squall, a favorite of Mrs. Merck who was the novice champion in 1998.

Tom Voss once described Betty Merck as the perfect owner, and in so many ways she was. As Voss noted, she wanted her horses to run when they were ready and not when she wanted them to run. She also showed up when her horses ran. She watched the 2014 Radnor races from a chair on the viewing stand and occupied a place in front of the television monitor at the Far Hills meet in October. She

also regularly attended NSA meetings.

"We all learned so much from how she lived her life," said Guy J. Torsilieri, co-chairman of the Far Hills Racing Association and president of the National Steeplechase Association. "She lived life to the fullest and had an amazing life."

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Merck, a vice president of Merck & Co. who served as the executive director of the U.S. Equestrian Team from 1965 to 1974. He died in 1984 at the age of 65.

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P.O. Box 551, Charles Town, W.Va. 25414.
(304) 725-7001; (800) 795-7001. Racing
Secretary: Charles McIntosh. Racing dates:
Jan. 2 to Dec. 26; www.ctownraces.com.

Delaware Park

777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington, Del. 19804.
(302) 994-2521; (800) 441-6587 (outside Del.);
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Racing dates: May 16 to Oct. 17; www.delpark.com.

Laurel Park

P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301) 725-0400,
(410) 792-7775; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary:
Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Aug. 1 to Aug. 23,
Sept. 10 to Dec. 31; www.marylandracing.com.

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East Rutherford, N.J. 07073. (201) 842-5130.
Racing Secretary: Michael Dempsey. Racing dates:
Sept. 11 to Oct. 31; www.thebigm.com.

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175 Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, N.J. 07757.
(732) 222-5100; fax (732) 571-8658.
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May 9 to Sept. 7; www.monmouthpark.com.

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P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-2096.
(215) 639-9000; (800) 523-6886. Racing Secretary:
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www.parxracing.com.

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Racing dates: Jan. 2 to Dec. 27;
www.pennnational.com.

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Baltimore, Md. 21215. (410) 542-9400;
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MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

Two-Year Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic,
Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md.
(410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. May 18, 19.

Eastern Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic,
Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md.
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OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

June Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age,
Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla.
(352) 237-2154. June 16-19.

July Selected Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky,
Lexington, Ky. (859) 225-1555. July 9.

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Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
(859) 225-1555. July 9.

Saratoga Selected Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton
New York, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700.
Aug. 10, 11.

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New York, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-4700.
Aug. 15, 16.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

**Maryland Horse Breeders Association Annual
Awards Dinner**, Sports Palace at Pimlico, Baltimore,
Md. (410) 252-2100. May 28.

**Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association
Iroquois Awards Banquet**, Hollywood Casino at
Penn National, Grantville, Pa.
(610) 444-1050. May 30.

**Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling
Show**, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md.
(410) 252-2100. June 27.

REGIONAL RACE DAYS

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races,
Parx Racing, Bensalem, Pa. (610) 444-1050;
www.pabred.com. Sept. 5.

New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, N.J. (732) 870-9718;
www.njbreds.com. Sept. 12.

West Virginia Breeders Classics

Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va.
(304) 725-0709; www.wvbc.com. Oct. 10.

Maryland Million, Laurel Park, Laurel, Md.
(410) 252-2100; www.marylandmillion.com.
Oct. 17.

NSA SPRING MEETS

Block House, Tryon, N.C. May 2.

Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. May 2.

Winterthur, Winterthur, Del. May 3.

Iroquois, Nashville, Tenn. May 9.

Willowdale, Kennett Square, Pa. May 10.

Radnor, Malvern, Pa. May 16.

High Hope, Lexington, Ky. May 17.

Fair Hill, Fair Hill, Md. May 23.

SPRING POINT-TO-POINTS

Howard County-Iron Bridge,
Brookeville, Md. May 2.

Potomac, Potomac, Md. May 17.

SEMINARS

Penn Vet First Tuesdays Lecture Series, New
Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa. Admission free.
(610) 925-6500; beltb@vet.upenn.edu; www.vet.upenn.edu/about/news-and-events/penn-vet-events-calendar. *Fixing Broken Horses*, May 5; *Treating Cancer in Horses*, June 2.

**Equine Reproduction and Behavior Short
Courses**, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa.
(610) 925-6203; www.vet.upenn.edu/repro. *Is it Physical, Psychological, or Both?* May 21, 22, *Horse Behavior Modification*, June 18, 19.

EVENTS

**Sporting Accoutrements: The Still Lives of
Henry Koehler**, National Sporting Library &
Museum, Library Exhibition, Middleburg, Va. (540)
687-6542, www.nsl.org. Jan. 16 to May 31.

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Looking Back

75 years ago

■ “BULLETIN: BLOCKADE AGAIN,” shouted the headline that Mrs. E. Read Beard’s son of Man o’ War, “faultlessly ridden by J. Fred Colwill and thoroughly prepared for his task by the master hand of Janon Fisher Jr.,” scored decisively by 5 lengths in the 47th running of the Maryland Hunt Cup. “Never out of a pull until called on at the 19th fence, Blockade came down to the finish line full of run and with great speed. . .” it was reported.

The glorified account continued: “Thus after 28 years the gold Challenge Cup has at last been retired by one of the greatest of the horses that have yet run in the race, one who was fit and ready to run 4 miles at his best pace and at the same time negotiate 22 fences in faultless fashion, truly a masterly exposition of the trainer’s art. To win the Maryland Hunt Cup once is a feat, to win it twice is remarkable. . . but to win it three times running, as none before had done, each time racing against superior horses is a triumph that calls for super-Hollywood superlatives.”

■ Blockade wasn’t invincible, as a muddy course hampered his ability at My Lady’s Manor two weeks earlier, resulting in a second to “that good half-bred horse Monty R., the pride of Howard County.” Reports of the spring timber season, held under severe weather conditions, included the following about that day: “The going was heavy, with light snow on the course and flurries in the air. Fred Colwill had orders not to hurt his mount, and



Fred Colwill and Blockade, being led in by longtime groom Walter Tyndall, after making it three in a row in the Maryland Hunt Cup.

Blockade was never pushed. Still, he didn’t look like a fit horse. . .”

■ The 50th running of the Preakness prompted the *Maryland Horse* to look back at the history of “Maryland’s great flat-racing classic.” The race was named for “the giant bay son of Lexington, Preakness, the so-called ‘cart-horse’ with whom William Hayward won the first Dixie Handicap, or Dinner Party Stakes, as it was then called, for Milton H. Sanford in 1870. The horse, in his turn, was named for the quiet Preakness Hills of New Jersey, near which was located the Sanford property.”

It was pointed out that “The race has had its ups and downs and has not had 50 years of uninterrupted running, in fact it is 67 years since that far-off day when Survivor won for John Chamberlain the first Preakness Stakes.” An illustration of

Survivor appeared on that month’s cover of the magazine.

In 1948, the “lost” runnings conducted at the Morris and Gravesend tracks in New York from 1890 through 1909 were added to the race’s history.

■ To commemorate the Preakness Golden Jubilee, the replica of the Woodlawn Vase presented to the winning owner would be “wrought in gold.” It was noted that the race’s famed trophy was first turned over to the Maryland Jockey Club (in 1917) by Philadelphia sportsman and MJC director Thomas Clyde to be presented to the winning owner. “But successive winners, eager to see the Preakness trophy retain permanent identity with the [MJC] feature, have returned it into the custody of the Club to be perpetuated as a lasting symbol of Preakness fame.”

■ The 19-year-old Maryland stallion Mint Briar was getting national attention as a broodmare sire, represented by winners around the country as reported in the *Morning Telegraph*. Two years earlier, the son of *Assagai, the only stallion standing at Victor Noyes’ Long Green Stock Farm in Gittings, in Baltimore County, gained fame when Bunty Lawless, out of Mint Briar’s daughter Mintwina, won the King’s Plate in Canada.

Mint Briar sired 46 foals, of which 18 became producing mares. Because of the stellar stud record of Bunty Lawless, who sired 26 stakes winners from 180 starters, the name Mint Briar lives on in pedigrees. Among Bunty Lawless offspring was Canadian Hall of Famer and major sire Windfields, the first stakes winner bred by E.P. Taylor, and Bunty’s Flight, the grandsire of Deputy Minister.



10 years ago

■ A profile on Edward P. “Ned” Evans and his Spring Hill Farm in Casanova, Va., offered a glimpse of one of the most successful farms in the region. Evans had ranked among the top 10 breeders in the nation the previous five years.

“Evans, 63, has spent most of his adult life assembling this treasure trove of horseflesh and the 3,000 acres that surround them,” wrote Lucy Acton. “And still it is a work in progress.”

When asked about his greatest achievement in racing, “Evans pondered the ques-

tion, and grinned slightly before responding: ‘I hope that’s still to come.’”

Among the 35 “A” list mares in the broodmare band of nearly 90 was Kobla, who was bred to Elusive Quality that spring. The next year she produced one of Evans’ best runners, four-time Grade 1 winner Quality Road.

■ Big Rut, the most accomplished runner bred in South Carolina, died at 12 from natural causes. The chestnut son of Kokand, bred by O.H. Wienges, raced until age 10, made 91 starts, won seven stakes, placed in seven others, and earned \$570,488. His former exercise rider Connie Warner purchased him after his final race and retired him to a farm in Westminster, Md., where he lived with three pasturemates.

50 years ago



Mountain Dew and Janon Fisher III, winners of the 1965 Maryland Hunt Cup, narrowly escape disaster over the 4' 9" third fence.

■ Mountain Dew's Maryland Hunt Cup victory was a family project. Janon Fisher bred the son of *Hunters Moon IV out of the War Admiral mare Laelia. Two of his daughters, Kitty Jenkins and Julie Colhoun, hunted the timber star behind the Green Spring hounds all winter. And Janon Fisher III rode him in the races.

It was the fifth time Mountain Dew contested the 4-mile, 22-fence Hunt Cup. He was third as a 6-year-old in 1961, won in 1962, and was second to Jay Trump in the 1963 and 1964 renewals, of which Peter Winants wrote: "He had made 88 Hunt Cup fences without a serious mistake!"

Following the race, the Maryland Hunt Cup Challenge Bowl was "filled to the brim with mint juleps and passed from one Mountain Dew admirer to another."

Mountain Dew came back to win the Hunt Cup in 1967, but is the only three-time winner to not retire the Challenge Cup. Jay Trump took

home the prize with his victory over Mountain Dew in 1966, and when a new challenge cup was offered in 1967, the process started again.

■ Mountain Dew did retire the Grand National Challenge Cup one week earlier, winning the 1965 Grand National after taking the race in 1962 and 1963.

■ Henry Clark was not only trainer, but breeder and owner of the quick-maturing juvenile New Windsor, a colt by first-year sire Nade out of first-time producer Avenue A. New Windsor won his first three starts—his debut April 1 at Laurel, an allowance at Pimlico April 23 and Pimlico's Walden Stakes May 1. In the allowance he set a track record, getting 5 furlongs in :58½.

The Walden Stakes was named for Robert Wyndham Walden, trainer of a record seven Preakness winners and one of the most successful breeders and trainers of the 19th century. The ancestral home of the Walden family was Bowling Brook, where Clark based his training and breeding operation.

Following the Walden win, Clark sold a half-interest in New Windsor to his longtime clients, Jane and Harry Lunger. The colt would race in the Lungers' Christiana Stable colors.

■ Marion duPont Scott was honored by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association with the F. Ambrose Clark Award "for encouraging the growth and welfare of steeplechase racing."



Del Miller, Johnny Nerud, Eddie Arcaro and Dick Hutchison examine the Tartan synthetic surface installed at the harness track in Laurel, Md.

A longtime devotee of the sport, Scott campaigned such stars at Battleship, winner of the 1938 Grand National at Aintree, and Maryland Hunt Cup winner Troublemaker. She was the leading steeplechase owner in 1960, the year her Benguala was named Steeplechaser of the Year.

At her 4,800-acre Montpelier Farm in Virginia, she maintained a stud of 21 mares and several stallions. Among her best flat runners was 1963 Washington, D.C., International winner Mongo.

■ Thoroughbreds tested the new Tartan synthetic racing surface at Laurel Raceway, and a large crowd turned out for the six betless races. The program was arranged by officials of the 3M Company, producers of Tartan, in cooperation with the Jockey's Guild and several local horsemen. Tartan Farm trainer John Nerud was in attendance and spoke favorably of the strip.

25 years ago

■ Eight months after the death of his father Frank De Francis, *Maryland Horse* caught up with Joe De Francis, who had taken over as president and CEO of the Maryland tracks.

De Francis felt qualified to pick up where his father left off, for two reasons: "Number one, my relationship with my father was such that I was privy to his innermost thoughts and feelings. There were few things that he did that he didn't discuss with me. There was hardly anything I wasn't aware of. That has been a tremendous source of confidence, and, in a way, experience. I have the benefit of my father's knowledge and expertise.

"As for actual preparation, both of us came into racing with the same kind of background. We're both lawyers. We

both practiced law in a business context. Although that does not have a direct application to horses *per se*, it taught us both how to think, and face challenges."

De Francis also denied rumors that Pimlico was to be sold. "There is absolutely no truth to any of those rumors whatsoever. I have no plan, no intention, no desire, no concept of selling either Pimlico or Laurel."

■ Rumors flew that Delaware Park might be forced to close when Delaware Gov. Michael Castle vetoed a bill enabling the racetracks to install slot machines. However the Stanton facility was reporting record handles and attendance that spring.

"If we have a good year this year, we'll be back next year," said Steve Kallens, director of marketing and publicity. "Right now, we aren't even thinking of closing."

Slots legislation passed in 1994 but slots weren't up and running until 1996. Average daily purse distribution had fallen to about \$48,000 in 1994. "A lot of other tracks had been waiting for us to go out of business," said William M. Rickman Jr. in 1995. "Suddenly, they're aware that we're not going anywhere but up."

■ Two Maryland-bred colts captured stakes in early spring and while trainer Charlie Peoples commented that they "hadn't decided anything" for Bayard Sharp's Baron de Vaux, winner of the Private Terms at Laurel, Herb and Arlene Kushner's Fighting Notion was a late Triple Crown nominee after an easy time in the Mister Diz Stakes.

Both lined up for the Preakness, Fighting Notion finishing fifth at 31-1 and Baron de Vaux eighth at 37-1. The latter followed up with a third in the Belmont Stakes at 68-1. Virginia-bred Pleasant Tap entered the Kentucky Derby as a 40-1 longshot and finished third.

In Memoriam

DONA M. ALBRIGHT

Dona M. Albright, 74, matriarch of one of the Penn National racing community's foundation families, passed away March 11.

The Jonestown, Pa., resident bred, owned and trained horses alongside her late husband, George "Reds" Albright, for more than four decades. George was a trainer for 60 years until his death in May 2008.

The couple shared their knowledge and passion for racing with their children, many of whom are still active on local racing circuits. Amy, George "Rusty" Albright Jr., Alice and Alfie have all been involved in racing as trainers and jockeys. Their granddaughter Kaylia is a rider at Penn National.

Albright was a member of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the Farm Bureau, and she and her husband were supporters of the Pennsylvania horse breeding program, racing many homebreds.

Albright remained active in the sport until her death, saddling two winners from nine starters this winter. She is credited with 370 wins from 3,618 starts and earnings of more than \$2.3 million.

TYRONE BROWN

Lifelong backstretch worker Tyrone "Darryl" Brown of Bensalem, Pa., died in his dorm room at Parx Racing in late February.

The native of New Jersey who studied at Rutgers University had worked a variety of jobs at the track, including groom, hotwalker and veterinary assistant. He had been at the Bensalem track back when it was known as Keystone in the 1970s. His friends remembered him with tributes on the Internet, which followed a theme similar to this one: "I can honestly say no matter what kind of day you were having, he always made you laugh." Friends and family took his ashes to a number of tracks in the region before spreading them in front of the tote board at Parx in March.

ARCHIBALD KINGSLEY SR.

Former owner and amateur rider Archibald "Arch" Johnston Kingsley Sr. died March 17 at 87.

The Navy veteran was a commercial pilot for United Airlines for 34 years. Introduced to horses as a child in Pennsylvania and while living in Middleburg, Va., Kingsley owned, rode and enjoyed Thor-

oughbreds, especially steeplechasers. He rode throughout the 1960s and 1970s as an amateur steeplechase jockey and joint master of the Middleburg Hunt. When he stopped riding races, Kingsley continued his involvement by owning steeplechase horses in England and the United States. His son Arch Kingsley Jr. is a former champion steeplechase jockey and current trainer based in Camden, S.C.

Kingsley later moved to Easton, Md., where he sailed his boat "Archrival" in the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. He retired to White Stone, Va., with Louise "Weezy", his wife of 35 years. In addition to his wife, Kingsley is survived by brother George "Skipper" Kingsley, six children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

STEVE KISIELEWSKI

Lead outrider at Delaware Park for nearly three decades, Steve Kisielewski died March 4 at 68. Affectionately known as "Kiss" he was a successful jockey on the New England circuit (mostly), riding at Narragansett Park, Suffolk Downs, Rockingham Park and Green Mountain, plus Shenandoah Downs among others.

After retiring, he turned to outriding at Delaware Park in 1986.

"He was a natural with horses," said executive director of racing John Mooney, who hired Kisielewski. "His abilities as an outrider were incredible and his dedication and responsibility to his profession were always of the utmost importance. You knew when the unexpected did occur, everyone involved could always count on him. He approached every aspect of his life in the same fashion. He was an incredible man."

Kisielewski is survived by his wife of 42 years, Pat, three sons, six grandchildren and three sisters.

DR. BEN MARTIN

Benson "Ben" Bennett Martin Jr. VMD, a pioneer in sports medicine and specialist in equine surgery who worked his entire 34-year veterinary career at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine New Bolton Center, died March 18 after a long illness. He was 68.

The Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Navy graduated from the University of Connecticut, and in 1980, was awarded his VMD from Penn Vet. After completing an internship and a

large animal surgery residency, he became board certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Dr. Martin was the director of the Jeffords High Speed Treadmill facility and the Equine Performance Clinic. During the majority of his career, he was an integral member of Penn Vet's Admissions Committee and enthusiastically mentored many students. He retired from the faculty as an Associate Professor of Equine Sports Medicine in July 2014.

A consummate horseman, Dr. Martin grew up in the horse business. He worked in Thoroughbred racing for his uncle, Hall of Fame trainer James W. Maloney, and later at Calumet Farm in Kentucky as well as in the show horse world.

BETTY MERCK

Steeplechase owner and lifelong horsewoman Elizabeth Mead "Betty" Merck died April 3 at her home, The Fields, in Bedminster, N.J. She was 95.

Merck and her son George "Laddie" Merck raced horses as The Fields Stable with trainer Tom Voss and his daughter Elizabeth. The Fields campaigned such standouts as filly/mare champion Guelph and stakes winners Your Sum Man (Ire), Approaching Squall (whom Merck rode in retirement), Brigade of Guards and others. In 2009, The Fields won the National Steeplechase Association owners' championship with \$292,000 in earnings—the bulk of which came at her hometown Far Hills Races.

Born in Canada, Merck started riding at age 5 and was still in the saddle last year at 94. She rode in point-to-point races and foxhunted with the Essex Fox Hounds (where she was a joint master). She was an elected member of the Bedminster Township Committee from 1975-89 and also served on boards and commissions including the Open Space Farmland Advisory Committee, Lamington Conservancy, New Jersey Nature Conservancy, Raritan Headwaters Association, Lamington Conservancy and Miss Porter's School.

She is survived by three children, Antony M. Merck, Josephine A. Merck and George F. Merck; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service is scheduled for May 30 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Gladstone, N.J.

Connections

Marylanders will be out in force on May 13 at the historic Senator Theater to view the premiere of *Racing the Times*, but some stars of the film will be quietly bedded down in their stalls for the night. We visited several of the four-footed reenactors to find out what their day jobs are, and how they handled filming on set. See more photos and exclusive video online at midatlantictb.com/racingthetimes and check the Mid-Atlantic Report section for more on the premiere.



Horses at Maryland steeplechase trainer Willie Dowling's Wit's End Stables prepare for their morning gallop (right), a scene mirrored in the behind-the-scenes photo (left) from film production as they walk the ring before reenacting an 1800s race.



Respectful Ed (right), a Maryland-bred son of Eddington owned by Helen Polinger, gallops in preparation for a spring start. The 6-year-old, bred by Bowman and Higgins Stable, had the honor of playing the great American foundation mare Selima (left), who was imported from England by Benjamin Tasker Jr. for his Belair Farm.



Prominent Maryland horsewoman Liz McKnight provided a trio of horses, including El Cubano (right), for the reenactment of one of the greatest American sporting events of the 19th century, the "Great Sweepstakes" at Pimlico in 1877. The race between legendary horses Ten Broeck, Parole and Tom Ochiltree was reenacted and filmed at Merryland Farm in Hydes (left).

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Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. **NOTE:** The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES

WORDS

- A. He trained Spend a Buck:
2 wds. 5 112 79 128 53 159 93 148 19 139 63 104
- B. Holds off through the stretch
7 33 22 141 44 163 74 95
- C. One who gives an informative speech
114 52 156 21 37 132 78 123
- D. Pimlico infield cupola feature
110 68 136 50 164 24 86 125 12 150 41
- E. Lined up prerace: 3 wds.
82 153 13 103 46 122 64 113 90
- F. Steeplechase & flat trainer Boucher
66 115 23 80 168 51
- G. Chauffeurs drive them
10 152 43 26 72
- H. School, as with gate or paddock
116 92 143 69 35
- I. Checked pattern on some horsey-set blazers
111 36 149 81 97 129 49 158 2 59 15
- J. Philadelphia's NFL team
133 70 154 6 29 88
- K. It may signal a pulmonary problem
89 25 120 73 45 142
- L. Upshot of a track with a deep rail: 2 wds.
101 56 117 28 137 47 9 67 162 94 146
- M. Number of riding Eclipse Awards Shoemaker won
3 127 166
- N. Farm John W. Galbreath founded: 2 wds.
39 124 57 107 11 151 83 167
- O. Mid-Atlantic trainer with four national win titles
161 134 4 60
- P. Without skill or style
145 27 109 38 96 8 77
- Q. Russell Road's sire
130 75 62 48 14 32 99
- R. Horses pledged to a stakes race
100 16 165 65 144 87 119 30
- S. He nosed Real Quiet out of a Triple Crown: 2 wds.
135 20 54 147 76 91 31
- T. MD racing secretary, 1966-93
155 40 140 85 105 61 126
- U. Deliciously juicy
34 108 55 157 71 138 18 121 84
- V. Mountaineer to Penn National, directionally
131 58 17 102

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8 P	9 L	10 G	11 N		12 D	13 E		14 Q	15 I
16 R	17 V	18 U		19 A	20 S	21 C	22 B	23 F	24 D
	25 K	26 G	27 P	28 L	29 J	30 R		31 S	32 Q
33 B		34 U	35 H	36 I	37 C	38 P	39 N		40 T
41 D		42 S	43 G	44 B	45 K	46 E	47 L		48 Q
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(GEORGE) STRAWBRIDGE: END OF AN ERA. WHAT WAS A COMPLETE SHOCK WAS THAT NOBODY WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING DERRY MEETING FARM AS A BROODMARE FARM. THIS ESTABLISHMENT HAD AN EXTRAORDINARY PRODUCTION RECORD, YET ABSOLUTELY NOBODY WAS INTERESTED.

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| A. Sorority | H. Is It True | O. One to one |
| B. Tubbed | I. Declassify | P. Flam |
| C. Radish | J. George Rowand | Q. Antipathy |
| D. Andy | K. Eldest | R. Nearctic |
| E. West by West | L. Exterminator | S. Eaton |
| F. Beulah Park | M. Nowadays | T. Roy Hobbs |
| G. Red Smith | N. Downcast | U. Arm and Hammer |

Roosevelt's thoughts on foxhunting a prize for Sporting Library

Editor's Note: The National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Va., is dedicated to preserving, sharing and promoting the literature, art and culture of horse and field sports. For more, see nslmblog.wordpress.com.

A gem of the NSLM collections is an original manuscript of "Riding to Hounds on Long Island," an essay written by Theodore Roosevelt in July 1886 for the *Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine*. The essay, written on plain note paper but beautifully bound in red leather, is part of the John H. Daniels Manuscripts Collection housed in NSLM's F. Ambrose Clark Rare Book Room.

Guests to NSLM who view the essay often comment on the edits in the draft body. In a digital era, we usually don't see the edits to our documents, but the revisions are quite apparent in Roosevelt's work. The paper shows signs of having been folded into thirds and was presumably stored in a pocket or envelope. Roosevelt signed the final page of the manuscript.

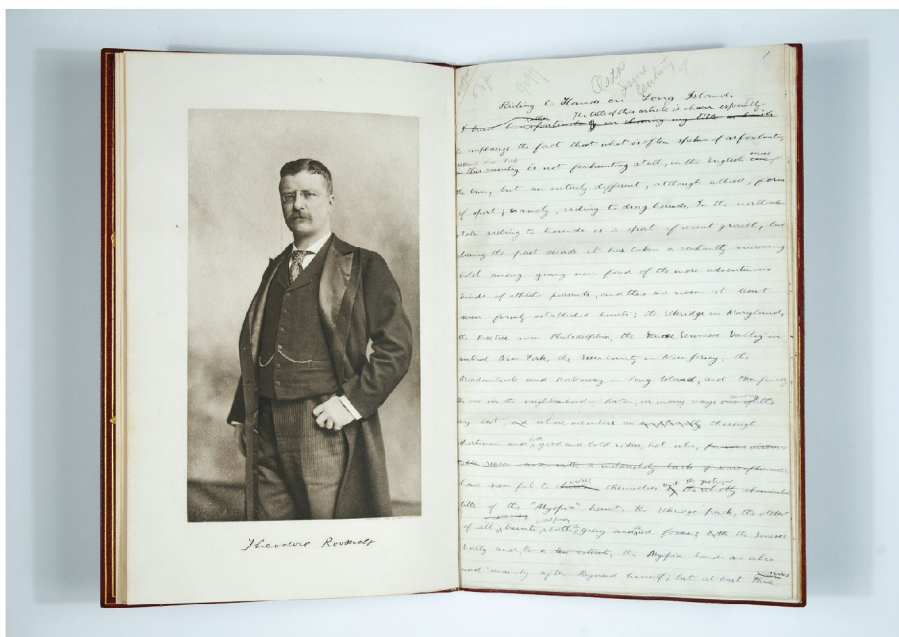
When the essay was published in 1886 as the headline item in *The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine*, Roosevelt was 28 years old.

Roosevelt's main theme is a defense of riding to hounds as a sport compatible with American culture. Specifically, Roosevelt discusses the practice of drag hunting (where humans lay scent for hounds to

follow), but he also includes foxhunting as a practice as well. Roosevelt refutes the notion that riding to hounds is too British for Americans, and he further claims that the sport is good exercise and valuable training in horsemanship in an era where cavalry was a strong influence on military success.

"It goes without saying that the man who takes to hunting, not because it is a manly sport, but because it is done abroad, is a foolish snob; but, after all, he stands about on the same intellectual level with the man who refuses to take it up because it happens to be liked on the other side of the water."

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Image Makers

Photographer Douglas Lees shared this photo taken at the 1968 Fair Hill Races—renowned photographers (from left) Skip Ball, Marshall Hawkins and a young Douglas headed out to capture a race. Ball and Hawkins were regular contributors to *The Maryland Horse*, predecessor to *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*. The photo was probably taken by Lees' father, D. Harcourt Lees Jr.





Yearlings (1960). Brookmeade Stable in Upperville, Va., raised some of the country's top Thoroughbreds including perhaps one among this group of six ushered by a staffer on horseback. Among others, Brookmeade bred and raced 1959 Horse of the Year Sword Dancer while carrying owner Isabel Dodge Sloane to the top of the sport. The 800-acre facility is now Lazy Lane Farm.

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Photojournalist A. Aubrey Bodine, who worked at the Baltimore *Sun* for 50 years—from 1920 until his death in 1970—captured many scenes of Maryland horses, farms and racing. He was regarded worldwide as one of the finest pictorialists of the 20th century. *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* features his work in Past Time.

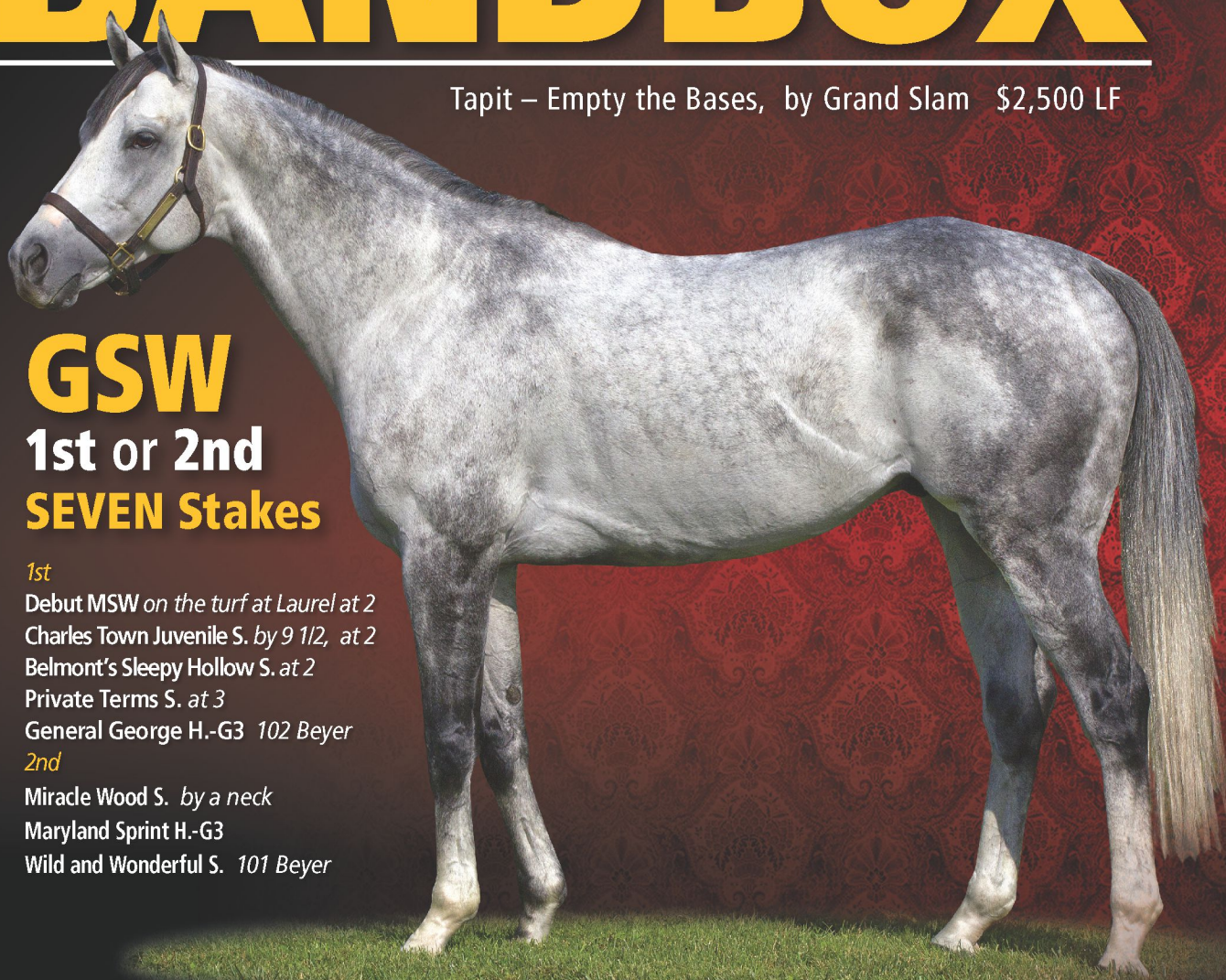
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